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- (54) **ANTIBODIES THAT IMMUNOSPECIFICALLY BIND BLYS**
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(57) ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to antibodies and related molecules that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The present invention also relates to methods and compositions for detecting or diagnosing a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression or inappropriate function of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising antibodies or fragments or variants thereof or related molecules that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The present invention further relates to methods and compositions for preventing, treating or ameliorating a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression or inappropriate B Lymphocyte Stimulator function comprising administering to an animal an effective amount of one or more antibodies or fragments or variants thereof or related molecules that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

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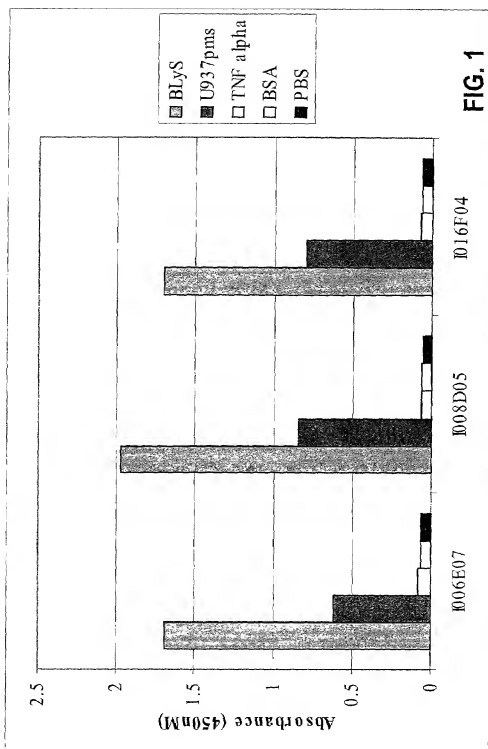
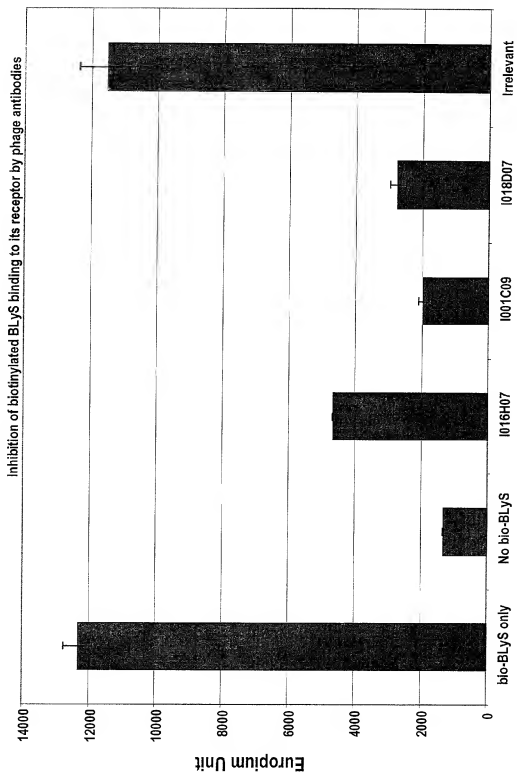
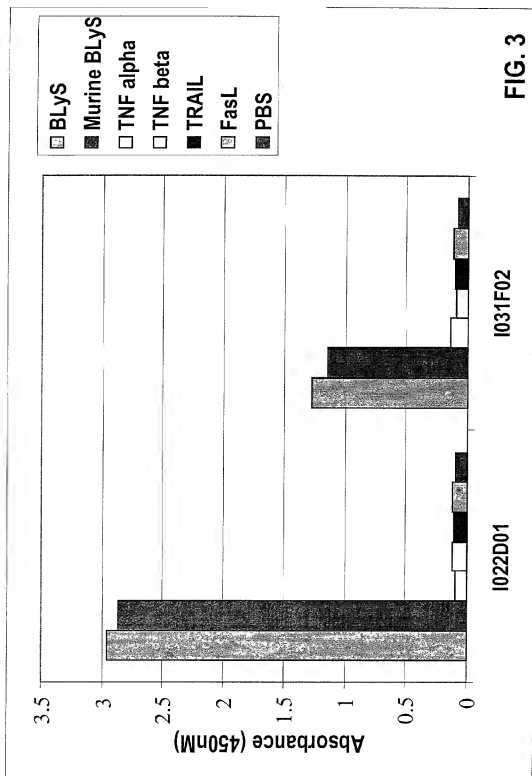
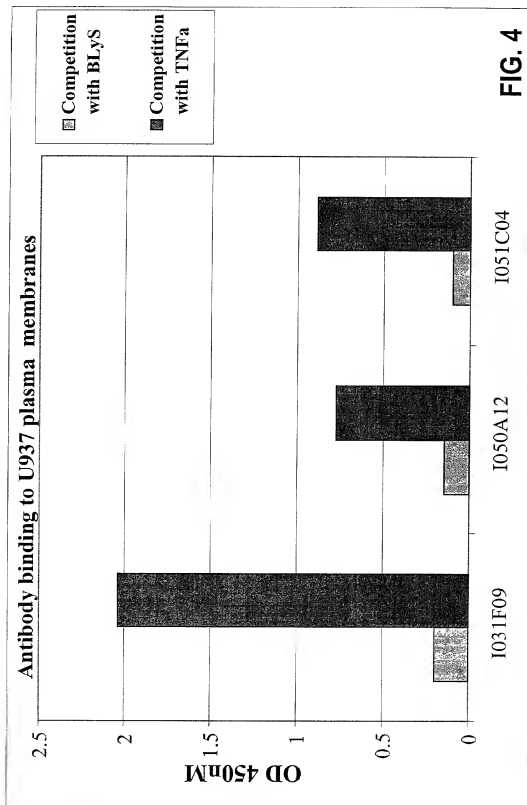


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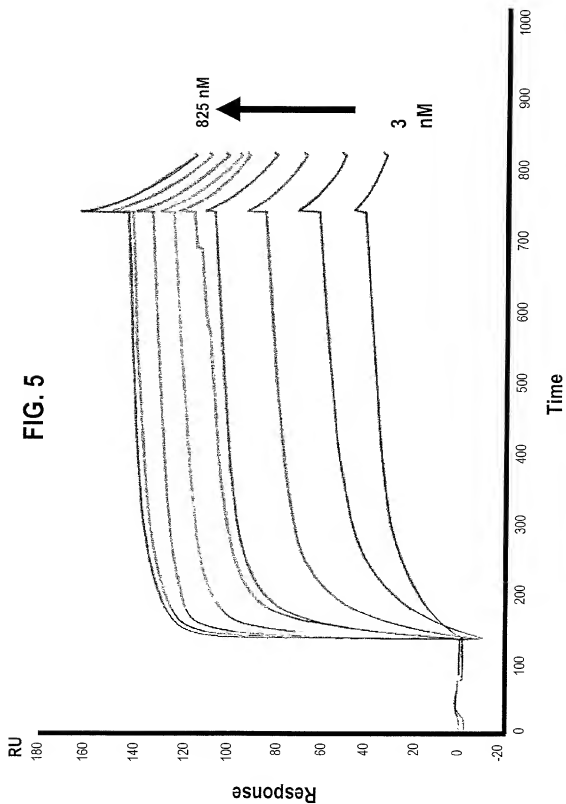
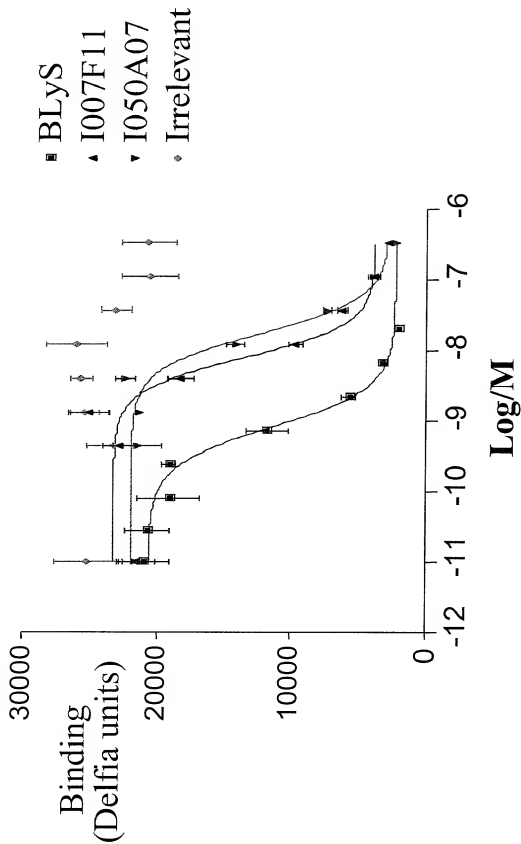


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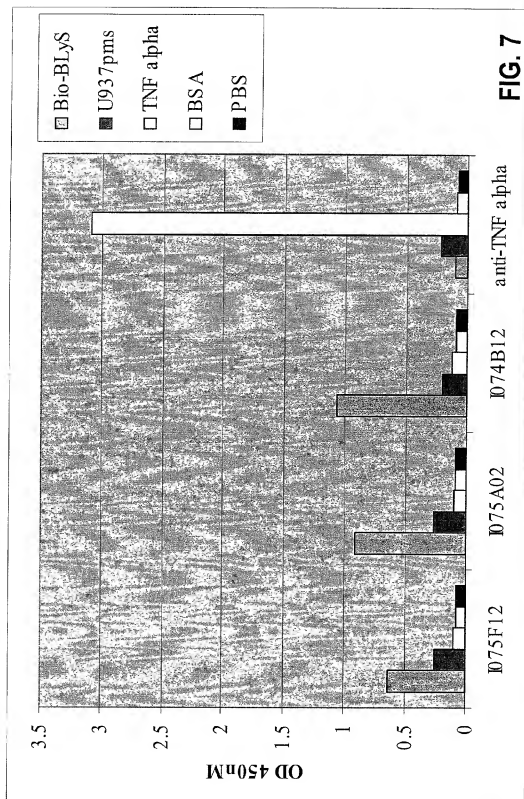
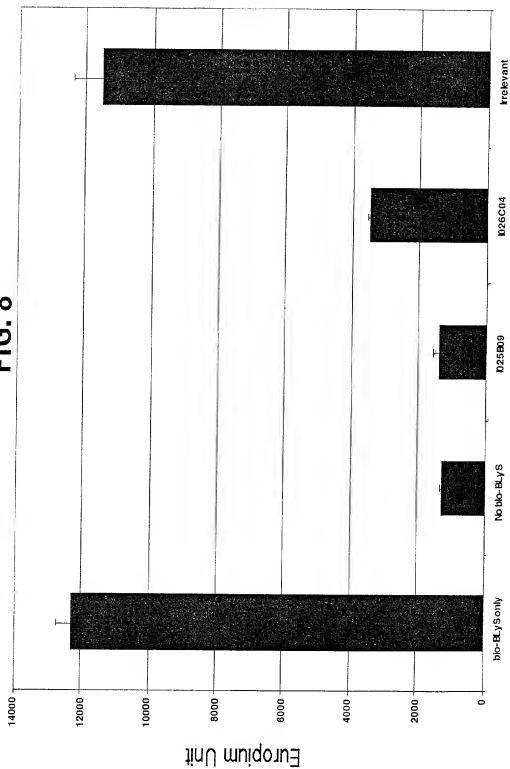
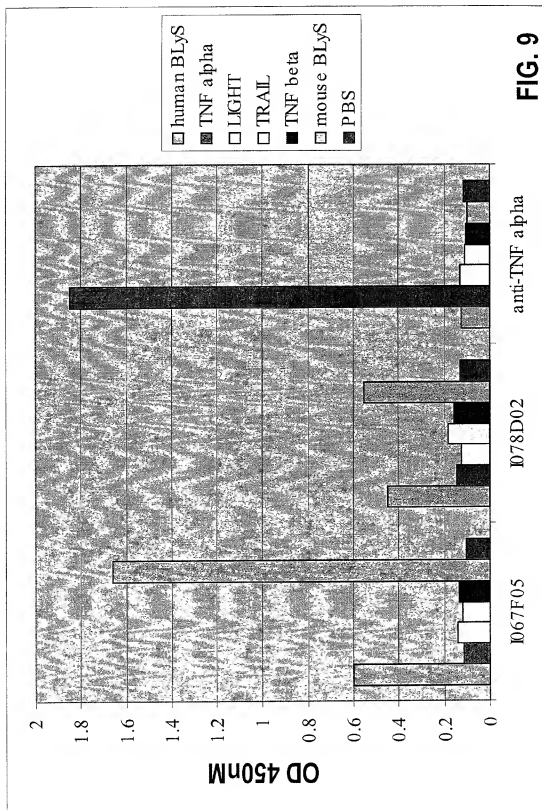


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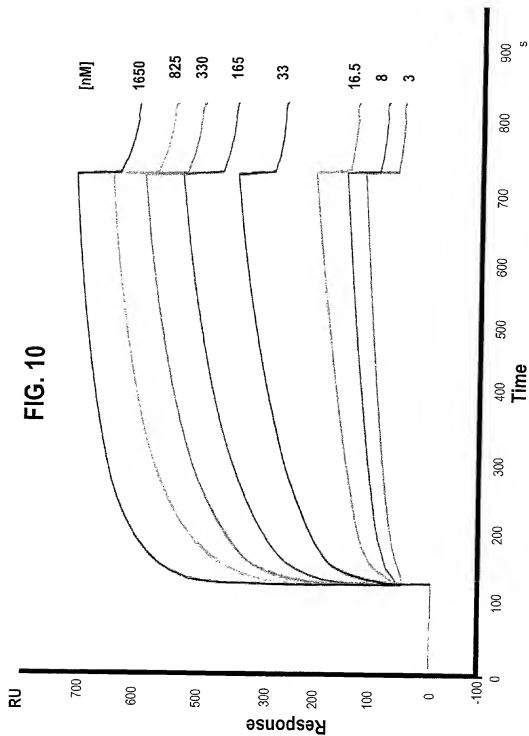
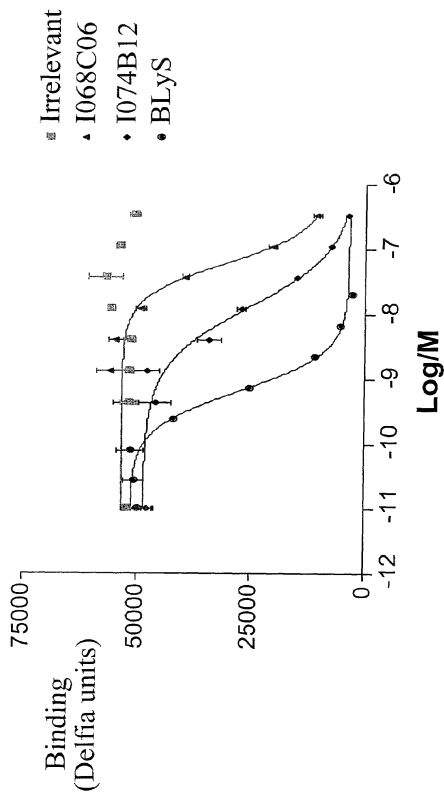
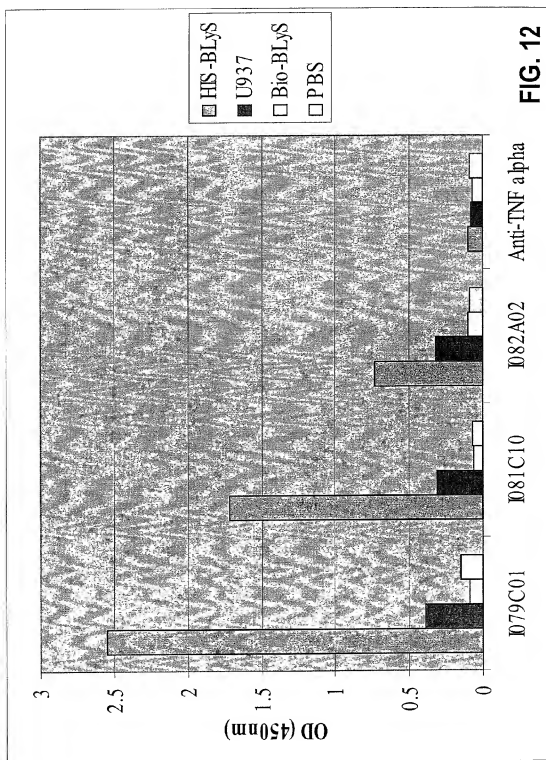


FIG. 11
Scfvs to soluble BLyS only





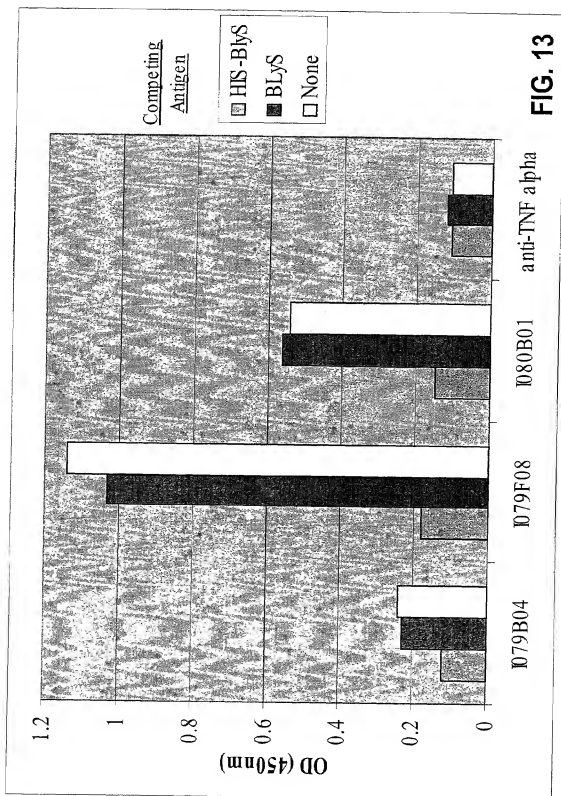


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Plate 1079 Sensorgram - 8 Clones

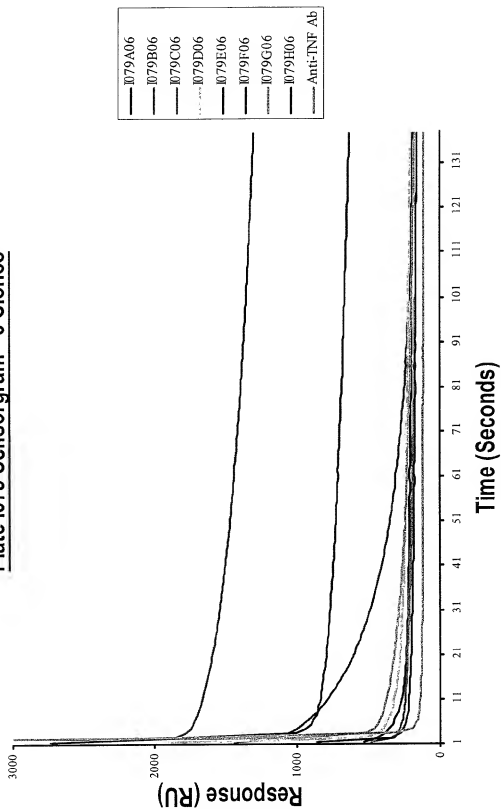
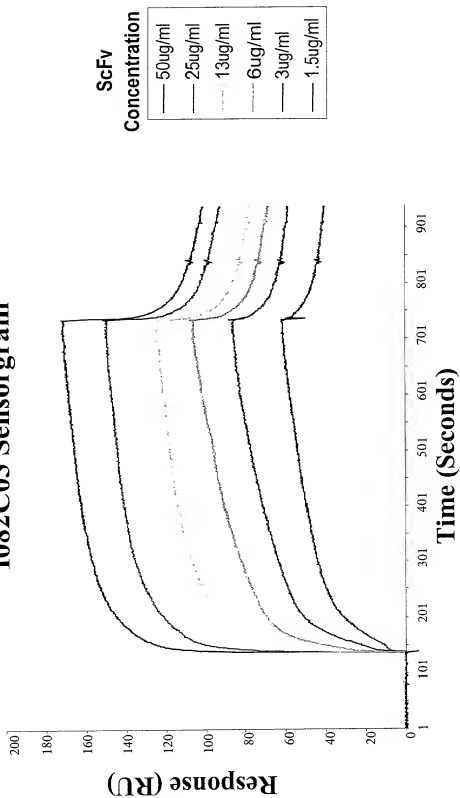


FIG. 15

I082C03 Sensorgram



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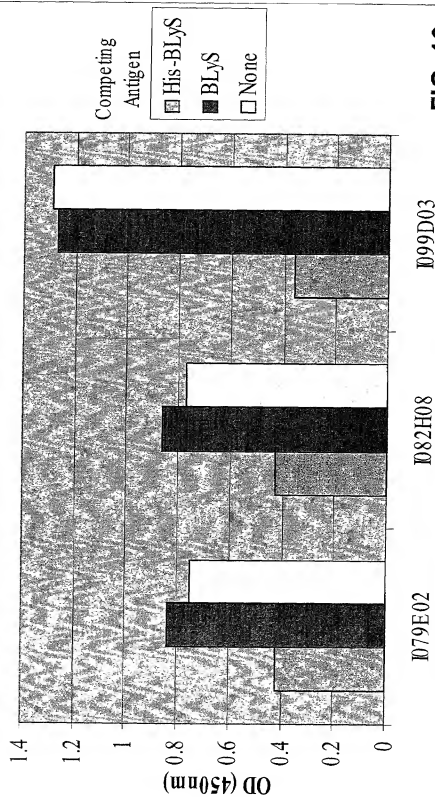


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ANTIBODIES THAT IMMUNOSPECIFICALLY BIND BLYS

INTRODUCTION

The present invention relates to antibodies and related molecules that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator (BLySTTM) protein. The present invention also relates to methods and compositions for detecting, diagnosing, or prognosing a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression or inappropriate function of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor, comprising antibodies or fragments or variants thereof, or related molecules, that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The present invention further relates to methods and compositions for preventing, treating or ameliorating a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression or inappropriate B Lymphocyte Stimulator function or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor function, comprising administering to an animal, preferably a human, an effective amount of one or more antibodies or fragments or variants thereof, or related molecules, that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

B Lymphocyte Stimulator (BLySTTM) protein is a member of the tumor necrosis factor ("TNF") superfamily that induces both *in vivo* and *in vitro* B cell proliferation and differentiation (Moore et al., Science 285: 260-263 (1999)). B Lymphocyte Stimulator is distinguishable from other B cell growth and differentiation factors such as IL-2, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-13, IL-15, CD40L, or CD27L (CD70) by its molecule-specific gene and protein expression pattern and its specific receptor distribution and biological activity on B lymphocytes. B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression is not detected on natural killer ("NK") cells, T cells or B cells, but is restricted to cells of myeloid origin. B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression on resting monocytes is upregulated by interferon-gamma (IFN-gamma). The gene encoding B Lymphocyte Stimulator has been mapped to chromosome 13q34.

B Lymphocyte Stimulator is expressed as a 285 amino acid type II membrane-bound polypeptide and a soluble 152 amino acid polypeptide (Moore et al., 1999 *supra*). The membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator has a predicted transmembrane spanning domain between amino acid residues 47 and 73. The NH₂-terminus of the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator begins at Ala¹³⁴ of the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Soluble recombinant B Lymphocyte Stimulator has been shown to induce *in vitro* proliferation of murine splenic B cells and to bind to a cell-surface receptor on these cells (Moore et al., 1999 *supra*). Soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator administration to mice has been shown to result in an increase in the proportion of CD45R^{high} Ly6D^{right} (also known as ThB) B cells and an increase in serum IgM and IgA levels (Moore et al., 1999 *supra*). Thus, B Lymphocyte Stimulator displays a B cell tropism in both its receptor distribution and biological activity.

Based upon its expression pattern and biological activity, B Lymphocyte Stimulator has been suggested to be involved in the exchange of signals between B cells and monocytes or their differentiated progeny. The restricted expression patterns of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor and ligand

suggest that B Lymphocyte Stimulator may function as a regulator of T cell-independent responses in a manner analogous to that of CD40 and CD40L in T cell-dependent antigen activation. As such, antibodies and related molecules that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator may find medical utility in, for example, the treatment of B cell disorders associated with autoimmunity, neoplasia, or immunodeficiency syndromes.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention encompasses antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide or polypeptide fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In particular, the invention encompasses antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide or polypeptide fragment of human B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:3228 and/or 3229) or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on human monocytes; murine B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:3230 and/or 3231) or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on murine monocytes; rat B Lymphocyte Stimulator (either the soluble forms as given in SEQ ID NOS:3232, 3233, 3234 and/or 3235 or in a membrane associated form, e.g., on the surface of rat monocytes); or monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., the monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides of SEQ ID NOS:3236 and/or 3237, the soluble form of monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on monkey monocytes), preferably human B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The present invention also encompasses methods and compositions for detecting, diagnosing, or prognosing diseases or disorders associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression or inappropriate function of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor in an animal, preferably a mammal, and most preferably a human, comprising, or alternatively consisting of, use of antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Diseases and disorders which can be detected, diagnosed, or prognosed with the antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) of the invention include, but are not limited to, immune disorders (e.g., lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, Hashimoto's disease, and immunodeficiency syndrome), inflammatory disorders (e.g., asthma, allergic disorders, and rheumatoid arthritis), infectious diseases (e.g., AIDS), and proliferative disorders (e.g., leukemia, carcinoma, and lymphoma). The present invention further encompasses methods and compositions for preventing, treating or ameliorating diseases or disorders associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression or inappropriate function of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor in an animal, preferably a mammal, and most preferably a human, comprising, or alternatively consisting of, administering to said animal an effective amount of one or more antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Diseases and disorders which can be prevented, treated or ameliorated by administering an effective amount of an antibody of the invention include, but are not limited to,

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immune disorders (e.g., lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, Hashimoto's disease, and immunodeficiency syndrome), inflammatory disorders (e.g., asthma, allergic disorders, and rheumatoid arthritis), infectious diseases (e.g., AIDS), and proliferative disorders (e.g., leukemia, carcinoma, and lymphoma).

Using phage display technology, the present inventors have identified single chain antibody molecules ("scFvs") that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, including scFvs that immunospecifically bind to soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator, scFvs that immunospecifically bind the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and scFvs that immunospecifically bind to both the soluble form and the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these scFvs (e.g., including VH domains, VH CDRs, VL domains, or VL CDRs having an amino acid sequence of any one of those referred to in Table 1), that immunospecifically bind the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and/or both the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules that encode these scFvs, and/or molecules.

In particular, the invention relates to scFvs comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 1-2128, preferably SEQ ID NOS: 834-872, 1570-1595, and 1886-1908, and most preferably SEQ ID NOS: 1-46, 321-329, 1563-1569, and 1881-1885, as referred to in Table 1 below. In specific embodiments, the present invention relates to scFvs that immunospecifically bind the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said scFvs comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1563-1569, preferably SEQ ID NOS: 1570-1595, and most preferably SEQ ID NOS: 1563-1569, as referred to in Table 1, below. In other embodiments, the present invention also relates to scFvs that immunospecifically bind the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said scFvs comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1881-1885, and most preferably SEQ ID NOS: 1881-1885, as referred to in Table 1 below. The present invention further relates to scFvs that immunospecifically bind both the membrane-bound form and soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said scFvs comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1-1562, preferably SEQ ID NOS: 834-872, and most preferably SEQ ID NOS: 1-46, and 321-329, as referred to in Table 1 below. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these scFvs (e.g., including VH domains, VH CDRs, VL domains, or VL CDRs having an amino acid sequence of any one of those referred to in Table 1), that immunospecifically bind the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and/or both the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules that encode these scFvs, and/or molecules.

The present invention provides antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide or polypeptide fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said antibodies comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the variable heavy ("VH") domains referred to in

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Table 1, below, or any one of the variable light ("VL") domains referred to in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, antibodies of the present invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908, as referred to in Table 1 below. In another preferred embodiment, antibodies (including molecules comprising or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) of the present invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL domain contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908, as referred to in Table 1 below. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these antibodies (e.g., including VH domains, VH CDRs, VL domains, or VL CDRs having an amino acid sequence of any one of those referred to in Table 1), that immunospecifically bind the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and/or both the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules that encode these antibodies, and/or molecules.

The present invention also provides antibodies (including molecules comprising or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide or a polypeptide fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said antibodies comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH domains referred to in Table 1, below, and any one of the VL domains referred to in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, the antibodies of the invention comprise or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH and VL domain contained in the same scFv referred to in Table 1. In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the present invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, a VH domain from an scFv of SEQ ID NOS: 1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908, as disclosed in Table 1, and a VL domain from an scFv of SEQ ID NOS: 1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908, as disclosed in Table 1. In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the present invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, the VH and VL domain from a single scFv of SEQ ID NOS: 1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908, as disclosed in Table 1. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these antibodies (e.g., including VH domains, VH CDRs, VL domains, or VL CDRs having an amino acid sequence of any one of those referred to in Table 1), that immunospecifically bind the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and/or both the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules that encode these antibodies, and/or molecules.

The present invention also provides antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide or a polypeptide fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said antibodies comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three or more of the VH complementarity determining regions ("CDRs") (i.e., VH CDR1, VH CDR2, or VH CDR3) referred to in Table 1 and/or any one, two, three or more of the VL CDRs (i.e., VL CDR1, VL CDR2, or VL CDR3) referred to in Table 1. In one embodiment, antibodies of the present invention com-

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prise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDR1s referred to in Table 1 and/or any one of the VL CDR1s referred to in Table 1. In another embodiment, antibodies of the present invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDR2s referred to in Table 1 and/or any one of the VL CDR2s referred to in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, antibodies of the present invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDR3s referred to in Table 1 and/or any one of the VL CDR3s referred to in Table 1. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these antibodies (e.g., including VH domains, VH CDRs, VL domains, or VL CDRs having an amino acid sequence of any one of those referred to in Table 1), that immunospecifically bind the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and/or both the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules that encode these antibodies, and/or molecules.

In another embodiment, antibodies of the present invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide or polypeptide fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and/or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDR1s referred to in Table 1, any one of the VH CDR2s referred to in Table 1, and/or any one of the VH CDR3s referred to in Table 1. In another embodiment, antibodies of the present invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VL CDR1s referred to in Table 1, any one of the VL CDR2s referred to in Table 1, and/or any one of the VL CDR3s referred to in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, antibodies of the present invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, at least one, two, three, four, five, six, or more CDRs that correspond to the same scFv referred to in Table 1, more preferably where CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3 of the VL domain correspond to the same scFv or where CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3 of the VH domain correspond to the same scFv, and most preferably where all six CDRs correspond to the same scFv referred to in Table 1. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these antibodies (e.g., including VH domains, VH CDRs, VL domains, or VL CDRs having an amino acid sequence of any one of those referred to in Table 1), that immunospecifically bind the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and/or both the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules that encode these antibodies, and/or molecules.

The present invention also provides antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., a polypeptide consisting of amino acids 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228); that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., a polypeptide consisting of amino acids 1-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228 or a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide expressed on the surface of monocytes) and/or that immunospecifically bind to both the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In a preferred embodiment, antibodies of the present invention immuno-

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specifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator and/or comprise, or alternatively consist of, a VH domain, VH CDR1, VH CDR2, VH CDR3, VL domain, VL CDR1, VL CDR2, and/or VL CDR3 corresponding to one or more scFvs, that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the present invention immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator and/or comprise, or alternatively consist of, a VH domain, VH CDR1, VH CDR2, VH CDR3, VL domain, VL CDR1, VL CDR2, and/or VL CDR3 corresponding to one or more scFvs, that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In yet another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the present invention immunospecifically bind to the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator and/or comprise, or alternatively consist of, a VH domain, VH CDR1, VH CDR2, VH CDR3, VL domain, VL CDR1, VL CDR2, and/or VL CDR3 corresponding to one or more scFvs, that immunospecifically binds to the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the present invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, a VH domain and a VL domain corresponding to the same scFv disclosed in Table 1, which antibodies immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or both the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies are also encompassed by the invention. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these antibodies (e.g., including VH domains, VH CDRs, VL domains, or VL CDRs having an amino acid sequence of any one of those referred to in Table 1), that immunospecifically bind the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and/or both the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules that encode these antibodies, and/or molecules.

A VH domain of an amino acid sequence disclosed herein may be combined with

a VL domain of an amino acid sequence disclosed herein, or other VL domains, to provide a VH/VL pairing representing an antigen-binding site of an antibody. Similarly, a VL domain of an amino acid sequence disclosed herein may be combined with a VH domain of an amino acid sequence disclosed herein, or other VH domains. Further, one or more CDRs disclosed herein may be taken from a VH or VL domain and incorporated into a suitable framework as discussed infra.

The present invention provides antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof (including derivatives)) comprising, or alternatively consisting of, of VH domains, VL domains and/or CDRs described herein, which antibodies, immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator and membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator) and can be routinely assayed for immunospecific binding to B Lymphocyte Stimulator using methods known in the art, such as, for example, the immunoassays disclosed infra. Antibodies and antibody fragments or variants (including derivatives) of the invention may include, for example, one or more amino acid sequence alterations (addition, deletion, substitution and/or insertion of an amino acid residue). These alterations may be made in one or more framework regions and/or one or more CDR's.

The antibodies of the invention (including antibody fragments, and variants and derivative thereof) can be routinely made by methods known in the art. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of any of the VH domains, VH CDRs, VL domains, and VL CDRs whose sequences are specifically disclosed herein may be employed in accordance with the present invention. Nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies and molecules (including fragments, variants, and derivatives) are also encompassed by the invention.

The present invention also provides panels of antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants) wherein the panel members correspond to one, two, three, four, five, ten, fifteen, twenty, or more different antibodies of the invention (e.g., whole antibodies, Fabs, F(ab')₂ fragments, Fd fragments, disulfide-linked Fvs (sdFvs), antidiotypic (anti-Id) antibodies, and scFvs). The present invention further provides mixtures of antibodies, wherein the mixture corresponds to one, two, three, four, five, ten, fifteen, twenty, or more different antibodies of the invention (e.g., whole antibodies, Fabs, F(ab')₂ fragments, Fd fragments, disulfide-linked Fvs (sdFvs), antidiotypic (anti-Id) antibodies, and scFvs). The present invention also provides for compositions comprising, or alternatively consisting of, one, two, three, four, five, ten, fifteen, twenty, or more antibodies of the present invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof). A composition of the invention may comprise, or alternatively consist of, one, two, three, four, five, ten, fifteen, twenty, or more amino acid sequences of one or more antibodies or fragments or variants thereof. Alternatively, a composition of the invention may comprise, or alternatively consist of, nucleic acid molecules encoding one or more antibodies of the invention.

The present invention also provides for fusion proteins comprising an antibody (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) of the invention, and a heterologous polypeptide (i.e., a polypeptide unrelated to an antibody or antibody domain). Nucleic acid molecules encoding these fusion proteins are also encompassed by the invention. A composition of the present invention may comprise, or alternatively consist of, one, two, three, four, five, ten, fifteen, twenty or more fusion proteins of the invention. Alternatively, a composition of the invention may comprise, or alternatively consist of, nucleic acid molecules encoding one, two, three, four, five, ten, fifteen, twenty or more fusion proteins of the invention.

The present invention also provides for a nucleic acid molecule, generally isolated, encoding an antibody (including molecules such as scFvs, which comprise, or alternatively consist of, an antibody fragment or variant thereof) of the invention. The present invention also provides a host cell transformed with a nucleic acid molecule of the invention and progeny thereof. The present invention also provides a method for the production of an antibody (including a molecule comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an antibody fragment or variant thereof) of the invention. The present invention further provides a method of expressing an antibody (including a molecule comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an antibody fragment or variant thereof) of the invention from a nucleic acid molecule. These and other aspects of the invention are described in further detail below.

The present invention also encompasses methods and compositions for detecting, diagnosing and/or prognosing

diseases or disorders associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression or inappropriate B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor function in an animal, preferably a mammal, and most preferably a human, comprising using antibodies (including molecules which comprise, or alternatively consist of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Diseases and disorders which can be detected, diagnosed or prognosed with the antibodies of the invention include, but are not limited to, immune disorders (e.g., lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, Hashimoto's disease, and immunodeficiency syndrome), inflammatory disorders (e.g., asthma, allergic disorders, and rheumatoid arthritis), infectious diseases (e.g., AIDS), and proliferative disorders (e.g., leukemia, carcinoma, and lymphoma).

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses methods and compositions for detecting, diagnosing and/or prognosing diseases or disorders associated with hypergammaglobulinemia (e.g., AIDS, autoimmune diseases, and some immunodeficiencies). In other specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses methods and compositions for detecting, diagnosing and/or prognosing diseases or disorders associated with hypogammaglobulinemia (e.g., an immunodeficiency).

The present invention further encompasses methods and compositions for preventing, treating or ameliorating diseases or disorders associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression or inappropriate B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor function in an animal, preferably a mammal, and most preferably a human, comprising administering to said animal an effective amount of one or more antibodies (including molecules which comprise, or alternatively consist of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Diseases and disorders which can be prevented, treated or inhibited by administering an effective amount of one or more antibodies or molecules of the invention include, but are not limited to, immune disorders (e.g., lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, Hashimoto's disease, and immunodeficiency syndrome), inflammatory disorders (e.g., asthma, allergic disorders, and rheumatoid arthritis), infectious diseases (e.g., AIDS), and proliferative disorders (e.g., leukemia, carcinoma, and lymphoma).

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses methods and compositions (e.g., antagonistic anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibodies) for preventing, treating or ameliorating diseases or disorders associated with hypergammaglobulinemia (e.g., AIDS, autoimmune diseases, and some immunodeficiency syndromes). In other specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses methods and compositions (e.g., agonistic anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibodies) for preventing, treating or ameliorating diseases or disorders associated with hypogammaglobulinemia (e.g., an immunodeficiency syndrome).

Autoimmune disorders, diseases, or conditions that may be detected, diagnosed, prognosed, or monitored using the antibodies of the invention include, but are not limited to, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, autoimmune neonatal thrombocytopenia, idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura, autoimmune neutropenia, autoimmune cytopenia, hemolytic anemia, antiphospholipid syndrome, dermatitis, gluten-sensitive enteropathy, allergic encephalomyelitis, myocarditis, relapsing polychondritis, rheumatic heart disease, glomerulonephritis (e.g., IgA nephropathy), Multiple Sclerosis, Neuritis, Uveitis Ophthalmia, Polyendocrinopathies, Purpura

(e.g., Henoch-Schoenlein purpura), Reiter's Disease, Stiff-Man Syndrome, Autoimmune Pulmonary Inflammation, myocarditis, IgA glomerulonephritis, dense deposit disease, rheumatic heart disease, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, and autoimmune inflammatory eye, autoimmune thyroiditis, hypothyroidism (i.e., Hashimoto's thyroiditis, systemic lupus erythematosus, discoid lupus, Goodpasture's syndrome, Pemphigus, Receptor autoimmunities such as, for example, (a) Graves' Disease, (b) Myasthenia Gravis, and (c) insulin resistance, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, autoimmune thrombocytopenic purpura, rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma with anti-collagen antibodies, mixed connective tissue disease, polymyositis/dermatomyositis, pernicious anemia, idiopathic Addison's disease, infertility, glomerulonephritis such as primary glomerulonephritis and IgA nephropathy, bullous pemphigoid, Sjögren's syndrome, diabetes mellitus, and adrenergic drug resistance (including adrenergic drug resistance with asthma or cystic fibrosis), chronic active hepatitis, primary biliary cirrhosis, other endocrine gland failure, vitiligo, vasculitis, post-MI, cardiomyopathy syndrome, urticaria, atopic dermatitis, asthma, inflammatory myopathies, and other inflammatory, granulomatous, degenerative, and atrophic disorders).

Immunodeficiencies that may be detected, diagnosed, prognosed, or monitored using the antibodies of the invention include, but are not limited to, severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID)-X linked, SCID-autosomal, adenosine deaminase deficiency (ADA deficiency), X-linked agammaglobulinemia (XLA), Bruton's disease, congenital agammaglobulinemia, X-linked infantile agammaglobulinemia, acquired agammaglobulinemia, adult onset agammaglobulinemia, late-onset agammaglobulinemia, dysgammaglobulinemia, hypogammaglobulinemia, transient hypogammaglobulinemia of infancy, unspecified hypogammaglobulinemia, agammaglobulinemia, common variable immunodeficiency (CVID) (acquired), Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome (WAS), X-linked immunodeficiency with hyper IgM, non X-linked immunodeficiency with hyper IgM, selective IgA deficiency, IgG subclass deficiency (with or without IgA deficiency), antibody deficiency with normal or elevated Igs, immunodeficiency with thymoma, Ig heavy chain deletions, kappa chain deficiency, B cell lymphoproliferative disorder (BLPD), selective IgM immunodeficiency, recessive agammaglobulinemia (Swiss type), reticular dysgenesis, neonatal neutropenia, severe congenital leukopenia, thymic aplasia/aplasia or dysplasia with immunodeficiency, ataxia-telangiectasia, short limbed dwarfism, X-linked lymphoproliferative syndrome (XLP), Nezelof syndrome-combined immunodeficiency with Igs, purine nucleoside phosphorylase deficiency (PNP), MHC Class II deficiency (Bare Lymphocyte Syndrome) and severe combined immunodeficiency.

Definitions

The term "antibody," as used herein, refers to immunoglobulin molecules and immunologically active portions of immunoglobulin molecules, i.e., molecules that contain an antigen binding site that immunospecifically binds an antigen. As such, the term antibody encompasses not only whole antibody molecules, but also antibody fragments as well as variants (including derivatives) of antibodies and antibody fragments. Examples of molecules which are described by the term "antibody" in this application include, but are not limited to: single chain Fvs (scFvs), Fab fragments, Fab' fragments, F(ab')₂, disulfide linked Fvs (sdFvs), Fvs, and fragments comprising or alternatively consisting of, either a

VL or a VH domain. The term "single chain Fv" or "scFv" as used herein refers to a polypeptide comprising a VL domain of antibody linked to a VH domain of an antibody. Antibodies that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator may have cross-reactivity with other antigens. Preferably, antibodies that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator do not cross-react with other antigens. Antibodies that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be identified, for example, by immunoassays or other techniques known to those of skill in the art, e.g., the immunoassays described in the Examples below.

Antibodies of the invention include, but are not limited to, monoclonal, multispecific, human or chimeric antibodies, single chain antibodies, Fab fragments, F(ab') fragments, anti-idiotypic (anti-Id) antibodies (including, e.g., anti-Id antibodies to antibodies of the invention), and epitope-binding fragments of any of the above. The immunoglobulin molecules of the invention can be of any type (e.g., IgG, IgE, IgM, IgD, IgA and IgY), class (e.g., IgG₁, IgG₂, IgG₃, IgG₄, IgA₁ and IgA₂) or subclass of immunoglobulin molecule.

Preferably, an antibody of the invention comprises, or alternatively consists of, a VH domain, VH CDR, VL domain, or VL CDR having an amino acid sequence of any one of those referred to in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof.

An antibody of the invention "which binds the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator" is one which binds the 152 amino acid soluble form of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator protein (amino acids 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228). In specific embodiments of the invention, an antibody of the invention "which binds the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator" does not also bind the membrane-bound or membrane-associated form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Assays which measure binding to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator include, but are not limited to, receptor binding inhibition assay or capture of soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator from solution as described in Examples 8 and 9.

An antibody of the invention "which binds the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator" is one which binds the membrane-associated (uncleaved) B Lymphocyte Stimulator protein. In specific embodiments of the invention, an antibody of the invention "which binds the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator" does not also bind the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Binding to HIS-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator (as described herein) in an ELISA is an indicator that an antibody binds the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, but should not be relied upon as proof of specificity for the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Assays that may be relied upon as proof of an antibody's specificity for membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator, include, but are not limited to, binding to plasma membranes expressing B Lymphocyte Stimulator as described in Example 2. An antibody of the invention "which binds both the soluble form and the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator" is one which binds both the membrane-bound form and the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

The term "variant" as used herein refers to a polypeptide that possesses a similar or identical function as a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, an anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody or antibody fragment thereof, but does not necessarily comprise a similar or identical amino acid sequence of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, a fragment of B Lym-

phocyte Stimulator, an anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody or antibody fragment thereof, or possess a similar or identical structure of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, an anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody or antibody fragment thereof. A variant having a similar amino acid refers to a polypeptide that satisfies at least one of the following: (a) a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence that is at least 30%, at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95% or at least 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, an anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody or antibody fragment thereof (including a VH domain, VHCDR, VL domain, or VLCDR having an amino acid sequence of any one of those referred to in Table 1) described herein; (b) a polypeptide encoded by a nucleotide sequence, the complementary sequence of which hybridizes under stringent conditions to a nucleotide sequence encoding a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide (e.g., SEQ ID NO:3228), a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, an anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody or antibody fragment thereof (including a VH domain, VHCDR, VL domain, or VLCDR having an amino acid sequence of any one of those referred to in Table 1), described herein, of at least 5 amino acid residues, at least 10 amino acid residues, at least 15 amino acid residues, at least 20 amino acid residues, at least 25 amino acid residues, at least 30 amino acid residues, at least 40 amino acid residues, at least 50 amino acid residues, at least 60 amino acid residues, at least 70 amino acid residues, at least 80 amino acid residues, at least 90 amino acid residues, at least 100 amino acid residues, at least 125 amino acid residues, or at least 150 amino acid residues; and (c) a polypeptide encoded by a nucleotide sequence that is at least 30%, at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95% or at least 99% identical to the nucleotide sequence encoding a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, an anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody or antibody fragment thereof (including a VH domain, VHCDR, VL domain, or VLCDR having an amino acid sequence of any one of those referred to in Table 1), described herein. A polypeptide with similar structure to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, an anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody or antibody fragment thereof, described herein refers to a polypeptide that has a similar secondary, tertiary or quaternary structure of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, an anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody, or antibody fragment thereof, described herein. The structure of a polypeptide can be determined by methods known to those skilled in the art, including but not limited to, X-ray crystallography, nuclear magnetic resonance, and crystallographic electron microscopy.

To determine the percent identity of two amino acid sequences or of two nucleic acid sequences, the sequences are aligned for optimal comparison purposes (e.g., gaps can be introduced in the sequence of a first amino acid or nucleic acid sequence for optimal alignment with a second amino acid or nucleic acid sequence). The amino acid residues or nucleotides at corresponding amino acid positions or nucleotide positions are then compared. When a position in the first sequence is occupied by the same amino acid residue or nucleotide at the corresponding position in the second

sequence, then the molecules are identical at that position. The percent identity between the two sequences is a function of the number of identical positions shared by the sequences (i.e., % identity = number of identical overlapping positions / total number of positions × 100%). In one embodiment, the two sequences are the same length.

The determination of percent identity between two sequences can be accomplished using a mathematical algorithm known to those of skill in the art. An example of a mathematical algorithm for comparing two sequences is the algorithm of Karlin and Altschul *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 87:2264-2268(1990), modified as in Karlin and Altschul *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 90:5873-5877(1993). The BLASTn and BLASTx programs of Altschul, et al. *J. Mol. Biol.* 215:403-410(1990) have incorporated such an algorithm. BLAST nucleotide searches can be performed with the BLASTn program, score=100, wordlength=12 to obtain nucleotide sequences homologous to a nucleic acid molecules of the invention. BLAST protein searches can be performed with the BLASTx program, score=50, wordlength=3 to obtain amino acid sequences homologous to a protein molecules of the invention. To obtain gapped alignments for comparison purposes, Gapped BLAST can be utilized as described in Altschul et al. *Nucleic Acids Res.* 25:3389-3402(1997). Alternatively, PSI-BLAST can be used to perform an iterated search which detects distant relationships between molecules (Id.). When utilizing BLAST, Gapped BLAST, and PSI-BLAST programs, the default parameters of the respective programs (e.g., BLASTx and BLASTn) can be used. (See <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>.)

Another example of a mathematical algorithm utilized for the comparison of sequences is the algorithm of Myers and Miller, CABIOS (1989). The ALIGN program (version 2.0) which is part of the GCG sequence alignment software package has incorporated such an algorithm. Other algorithms for sequence analysis known in the art include ADVANCE and ADAM as described in Torellis and Robotti *Comput. Appl. Biosci.*, 10: 3-5(1994); and FASTA described in Pearson and Lipman *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* 85:2444-8 (1988). Within FASTA, ktup is a control option that sets the sensitivity and speed of the search.

The term "derivative" as used herein, refers to a variant polypeptide of the invention that comprises, or alternatively consists of, an amino acid sequence of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or an antibody of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, which has been altered by the introduction of amino acid residue substitutions, deletions or additions. The term "derivative" as used herein also refers to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, an antibody that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator which has been modified, e.g., by the covalent attachment of any type of molecule to the polypeptide. For example, but not by way of limitation, a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or an anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody, may be modified, e.g., by glycosylation, acetylation, pegylation, phosphorylation, amidation, derivatization by known protecting/blocking groups, proteolytic cleavage, linkage to a cellular ligand or other protein, etc. A derivative of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or an anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody, may be modified by chemical modifications using techniques known to those of skill in the art, including, but not limited to, specific chemical cleavage, acetylation, formylation, meta-

bolic synthesis of tunicamycin, etc. Further, a derivative of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or an anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody, may contain one or more non-classical amino acids. A polypeptide derivative possesses a similar or identical function as a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or an anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody, described herein.

The term "epitopes" as used herein refers to portions of B Lymphocyte Stimulator having antigenic or immunogenic activity in an animal, preferably a mammal. An epitope having immunogenic activity is a portion of B Lymphocyte Stimulator that elicits an antibody response in an animal. An epitope having antigenic activity is a portion of B Lymphocyte Stimulator to which an antibody immunospecifically binds as determined by any method known in the art, for example, by the immunoassays described herein. Antigenic epitopes need not necessarily be immunogenic.

The term "fragment" as used herein refers to a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of at least 5 amino acid residues, at least 10 amino acid residues, at least 15 amino acid residues, at least 20 amino acid residues, at least 25 amino acid residues, at least 30 amino acid residues, at least 35 amino acid residues, at least 40 amino acid residues, at least 45 amino acid residues, at least 50 amino acid residues, at least 60 amino acid residues, at least 70 amino acid residues, at least 80 amino acid residues, at least 90 amino acid residues, at least 100 amino acid residues, at least 125 amino acid residues, at least 150 amino acid residues, at least 175 amino acid residues, at least 200 amino acid residues, or at least 250 amino acid residues, of the amino acid sequence of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or an anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody (including molecules such as scFv's, that comprise, or alternatively consist of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

The term "fusion protein" as used herein refers to a polypeptide that comprises, or alternatively consists of, an amino acid sequence of an anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody of the invention and an amino acid sequence of a heterologous polypeptide (i.e., a polypeptide unrelated to an antibody or antibody domain).

The term "host cell" as used herein refers to the particular subject cell transfected with a nucleic acid molecule and the progeny or potential progeny of such a cell. Progeny may not be identical to the parent cell transfected with the nucleic acid molecule due to mutations or environmental influences that may occur in succeeding generations or integration of the nucleic acid molecule into the host cell genome.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

FIG. 1. ELISA results for three scFvs, 1006E07, 1008D05 and 1016F04, that immunospecifically bind to U937 membranes, but not to bind to or cross-react with TNF-alpha or BSA.

FIG. 2. The results for three scFvs, 1016H07, 1001C09 and 1018D07, in a receptor inhibition assay.

FIG. 3. ELISA results for two scFvs (1022D01 and 1031F02) demonstrating their ability to bind to human B Lymphocyte Stimulator and to cross-react with mouse B Lymphocyte Stimulator, but not to bind to or cross-react with other antigens of the TNF ligand family.

FIG. 4. ELISA results for three scFvs (1031F09, 1050A12, and 1051C04) binding to U937 plasma membranes when either B Lymphocyte Stimulator or TNF-alpha is used as a competitor.

FIG. 5. Kinetic analysis of scFv antibody 1003C02. A dilution series of 1003C02 from 3 nM to 825 nM is shown. Association and dissociation curves were generated using a BIAcore 2000 and BIAevaluation 3.0 software.

FIG. 6. Typical titration curves for two scFv antibodies (1007F11 and 1050A07) are shown in FIG. 6. Unlabelled B Lymphocyte Stimulator competed for binding to its receptor with an IC_{50} value of 0.8 nM. The IC_{50} values for 1007F11 and 1050A07 were 7.9 nM and 17.1 nM, respectively. The assay was performed in triplicate and standard error bars are shown.

FIG. 7. ELISA results for three scFvs clones (1074B12, 1075F12 and 1075A02) that immunospecifically bind to immobilized B Lymphocyte Stimulator, but not to U937 plasma membranes, TNF-alpha or BSA. As a control, a phage antibody that recognizes TNF α , is also shown in FIG. 7.

FIG. 8. The results for two scFvs (1025B09 and 1026C04) in a receptor inhibition assay.

FIG. 9. ELISA results for two scFvs clones (1067F05 and 1078D02) demonstrating their ability to bind to immobilized human B Lymphocyte Stimulator and to cross-react with immobilized mouse B Lymphocyte Stimulator, but not to bind to or cross-react with other antigens of the TNF ligand family.

As a control, a phage antibody that recognizes TNF α , is also shown in FIG. 7.

FIG. 10. Kinetic analysis of scFv antibody 1002A01. A dilution series of 1002A01 from 3 nM to 1650 nM is shown. Association and dissociation curves were generated using a BIAcore 2000 and BIAevaluation 3.0 software.

FIG. 11. Typical titration curves for two scFvs, 10068C06 and 1074B12, are shown in FIG. 11. Unlabelled B Lymphocyte Stimulator competed for binding to its receptor with an inhibitory constant 50 (IC_{50}) value of 0.66 nM. The IC_{50} values for 10068C06 and 1074B12 are 61 nM and 13 nM, respectively. The assay was performed in triplicate and standard error bars are shown.

FIG. 12. ELISA results for three clones (1079C01, 1081C10 and 1082A02) demonstrating their ability to bind histidine-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator, U937 plasma membranes, but not to bind immobilized biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

FIG. 13. ELISA results for three scFvs (1079B04, 1079F08, and 1080B01) binding to U937 plasma membranes when either histidine-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator or biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator is used as a competitor.

FIG. 14. An example of the dissociation section of a typical sensorgram for 8 scFvs is shown in FIG. 14. An anti-TNF α antibody that does not recognize B Lymphocyte Stimulator was included as a control. Of the 8 scFvs exemplified, 1079F06 was identified for further study due to the relatively high numbers of RU's bound to the surface.

FIG. 15. A typical example of the binding curves generated for the scFv antibody 1082C03 is shown in FIG. 15. The off-rate for this clone was calculated as $2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$. The affinity of 1082C03 was calculated as 20 nM, assuming 100% activity of the scFv.

FIG. 16. ELISA results for three scFvs (1079B04, 1079F08, and 1080B01) binding to P388 plasma membranes when either histidine-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator or biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator is used as a competitor.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention encompasses antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment or variant of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In particular, the invention provides antibodies such as, for example, single chain Fvs (scFvs) having an amino acid sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOS:1-2128, as referred to in Table 1. In particular, the present invention encompasses antibodies that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide, a polypeptide fragment or variant, or an epitope of human B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:3228 and/or 3229) or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on human monocytes; murine B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:3230 and/or 3231) or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on murine monocytes; rat B Lymphocyte Stimulator (either the soluble forms as given in SEQ ID NOS:3232, 3233, 3234 and/or 3235 or in a membrane associated form, e.g., on the surface of rat monocytes); or monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., the monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides of SEQ ID NOS:3236 and/or 3237, the soluble form of monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on monkey monocytes) (as determined by immunoassays known in the art for assaying specific antibody-antigen binding).

The polypeptide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:3228 was obtained by sequencing and translating the cDNA of the HNEU15 clone which was deposited on Oct. 22, 1996 at the American Type Culture Collection, 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Va. 20110-2209, and assigned ATCC™ Accession No. 97768. The deposited clone is contained in the pBluescript SK(-) plasmid (Stratagene, La Jolla, Calif.). The ATCC™ deposits were made pursuant to the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the international recognition of the deposit of microorganisms for the purposes of patent procedure.

The polypeptide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:3229 was obtained by sequencing and translating the cDNA of the HDPMC52 clone, which was deposited on Dec. 10, 1998 at the American Type Culture Collection, and assigned ATCC™ Accession No. 203518. The deposited clone is contained in the pBluescript SK(-) plasmid (Stratagene, La Jolla, Calif.). The ATCC™ deposits were made pursuant to the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the international recognition of the deposit of microorganisms for the purposes of patent procedure.

The B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides bound by the antibodies of the invention may be in monomers or multimers (i.e., dimers, trimers, tetramers and higher multimers). Accordingly, the present invention relates to antibodies that bind monomers and multimers of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides of the invention, their preparation, and compositions (preferably, pharmaceutical compositions) containing them. In specific embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator monomers, dimers, trimers or tetramers. In additional embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind at least dimers, at least trimers, or at least tetramers of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

Multimeric B Lymphocyte Stimulator bound by the antibodies of the invention may be homomers or heteromers. A B Lymphocyte Stimulator homomer, refers to a multimer containing only B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides (including B Lymphocyte Stimulator fragments, variants, and fusion proteins, as described herein). These homomers may contain B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides having identical or different amino acid sequences. In specific embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind a B Lymphocyte Stimulator homodimer (e.g., containing two B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides having identical or different amino acid sequences) or a B Lymphocyte Stimulator homotrimer (e.g., containing three B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides having identical or different amino acid sequences). In a preferred embodiment, the antibodies of the invention bind homotrimers of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In additional embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind a homomeric B Lymphocyte Stimulator multimer which is at least a homodimer, at least a homotrimer, or at least a homotetramer.

Heteromeric B Lymphocyte Stimulator refers to a multimer containing heterologous polypeptides (i.e., polypeptides of a different protein) in addition to the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides of the invention. In a specific embodiment, the antibodies of the invention bind a B Lymphocyte Stimulator heterodimer, a heterotrimer, or a heterotetramer. In additional embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind a heteromeric B Lymphocyte Stimulator multimer which is at least a heterodimer, at least a heterotrimer, or at least a heterotetramer. In highly preferred embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind a heterotrimer comprising both B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides and APRIL polypeptides (SEQ ID NO:3239; GenBank Accession No. AF046888; PCT International Publication Number WO97/33902; J. Exp. Med. 188(6):1185-1190) or fragments or variants thereof. In other highly preferred embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind a heterotrimer comprising one B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide (including fragments or variants) and two APRIL polypeptides (including fragments or variants). In still other highly preferred embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind a heterotrimer comprising two B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides (including fragments or variants) and one APRIL polypeptide (including fragments or variants). In a further nonexclusive embodiment, the heteromers bound by the antibodies of the invention contain CD40 ligand polypeptide sequence(s), or biologically active fragment(s) or variant(s) thereof.

In particularly preferred embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind homomeric, especially homotrimeric, B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides, wherein the individual protein components of the multimers consist of the mature form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., amino acids residues 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228, or amino acids residues 134-266 of SEQ ID NO:3229) or fragments or variants thereof. In other specific embodiments, antibodies of the invention bind heteromeric, especially heterotrimeric, B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides such as a heterotrimer containing two B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides and one APRIL polypeptide or a heterotrimer containing one B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide and two APRIL polypeptides, and wherein the individual protein components of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator heteromer consist of the mature extracellular soluble portion of either B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., amino acids residues 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228, or amino acids residues 134-266 of SEQ ID NO:3229) or fragments or variants thereof, or the mature extracellular soluble portion APRIL (e.g., amino acids residues 105-250 of SEQ ID NO:3239) or fragments or variants thereof.

In specific embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind conformational epitopes of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator monomeric protein. In specific embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind conformational epitopes of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator homodimer (e.g., containing two B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides having identical or different amino acid sequences) or a B Lymphocyte Stimulator homotrimer (e.g., containing three B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides having identical or different amino acid sequences). In a preferred embodiment, the antibodies of the invention bind homotrimers of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In additional embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind a homomeric B Lymphocyte Stimulator multimer which is at least a homodimer, at least a homotrimer, or at least a homotetramer. In highly preferred embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind a heterotrimer comprising both B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides and APRIL polypeptides (SEQ ID NO:3239; GenBank Accession No. AF046888; PCT International Publication Number WO97/33902; J. Exp. Med. 188(6):1185-1190) or fragments or variants thereof. In other highly preferred embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind a heterotrimer comprising one B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide (including fragments or variants) and two APRIL polypeptides (including fragments or variants). In still other highly preferred embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind a heterotrimer comprising two B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides (including fragments or variants) and one APRIL polypeptide (including fragments or variants). In a further nonexclusive embodiment, the heteromers bound by the antibodies of the invention contain CD40 ligand polypeptide sequence(s), or biologically active fragment(s) or variant(s) thereof.

In specific embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind conformational epitopes of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator monomeric protein. In specific embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind conformational epitopes of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator homodimer (e.g., containing two B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides having identical or different amino acid sequences) or a B Lymphocyte Stimulator homotrimer (e.g., containing three B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides having identical or different amino acid sequences). In a preferred embodiment, the antibodies of the invention bind homotrimers of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In additional embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind a homomeric B Lymphocyte Stimulator multimer which is at least a homodimer, at least a homotrimer, or at least a homotetramer. In highly preferred embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind a heterotrimer comprising both B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides and APRIL polypeptides (SEQ ID NO:3239; GenBank Accession No. AF046888; PCT International Publication Number WO97/33902; J. Exp. Med. 188(6):1185-1190) or fragments or variants thereof. In other highly preferred embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind a heterotrimer comprising one B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide (including fragments or variants) and two APRIL polypeptides (including fragments or variants). In still other highly preferred embodiments, the antibodies of the invention bind a heterotrimer comprising two B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides (including fragments or variants) and one APRIL polypeptide (including fragments or variants). In a further nonexclusive embodiment, the heteromers bound by the antibodies of the invention contain CD40 ligand polypeptide sequence(s), or biologically active fragment(s) or variant(s) thereof.

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phocyte Stimulator multimeric, especially trimeric, protein. In other embodiments, antibodies of the invention bind conformational epitopes that arise from the juxtaposition of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a heterologous polypeptide, such as might be present when B Lymphocyte Stimulator forms heterotrimers (e.g., with APRIL polypeptides (e.g., SEQ ID NO:3239)), or in fusion proteins between B Lymphocyte Stimulator and a heterologous polypeptide.

B Lymphocyte Stimulator multimers bound by the antibodies of the invention may be the result of hydrophobic, hydrophilic, ionic and/or covalent associations and/or may be indirectly linked, by for example, liposome formation. Thus, in one embodiment, B Lymphocyte Stimulator multimers, such as, for example, homodimers or homotrimers, are formed when polypeptides of the invention contact one another in solution. In another embodiment, B Lymphocyte Stimulator heteromultimers, such as, for example, B Lymphocyte Stimulator heterotrimers or B Lymphocyte Stimulator heterotetramers, are formed when polypeptides of the invention contact antibodies to the polypeptides of the invention (including antibodies to the heterologous polypeptide sequence in a fusion protein of the invention) in solution. In other embodiments, B Lymphocyte Stimulator multimers are formed by covalent associations with and/or between the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides of the invention. Such covalent associations may involve one or more amino acid residues contained in the polypeptide sequence (e.g., that recited in SEQ ID NO:3228 or SEQ ID NO:3229). In one instance, the covalent associations are cross-linking between cysteine residues located within the polypeptide sequences which interact in the native (i.e., naturally occurring) polypeptide. In another instance, the covalent associations are the consequence of chemical or recombinant manipulation. Alternatively, such covalent associations may involve one or more amino acid residues contained in the heterologous polypeptide sequence in a B Lymphocyte Stimulator fusion protein. In one example, covalent associations are between the heterologous sequence contained in a fusion protein (see, e.g., U.S. Pat. No. 5,478,925). In a specific example, the covalent associations are between the heterologous sequence contained in a B Lymphocyte Stimulator-Fc fusion protein. In another specific example, covalent associations of fusion proteins of the invention are between heterologous polypeptide sequence from another TNF family ligand/receptor member that is capable of forming covalently associated multimers, such as for example, osteoprotegerin (see, e.g., International Publication No. WO 98/49305, the contents of which are herein incorporated by reference in its entirety). In another specific example, covalent associations of fusion proteins of the invention are between heterologous polypeptide sequence from CD40L, or a soluble fragment thereof. In another embodiment, two or B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides are joined through synthetic linkers (e.g., peptide, carbohydrate or soluble polymer linkers). Examples include those peptide linkers described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,073,627 (hereby incorporated by reference). Proteins comprising multiple B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides separated by peptide linkers may be produced using conventional recombinant DNA technology.

In one embodiment, antibodies of the invention immunospecifically bind a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3228 or as encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC™ No. 97768, or a polypeptide comprising a portion (i.e., a fragment) of the above polypeptides. In another embodiment, the invention provides an antibody that binds an isolated B

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Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3229 or the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC™ No. 203518, or an antibody that binds polypeptide comprising a portion (i.e., fragment) of the above polypeptides.

Antibodies of the present invention immunospecifically bind to polypeptides comprising or alternatively, consisting of, the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3228, encoded by the cDNA contained in the plasmid having ATCC™ accession number 97768, or encoded by nucleic acids which hybridize (e.g., under stringent hybridization conditions) to the nucleotide sequence contained in the deposited clone. Antibodies of the present invention also bind to fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3228, encoded by the cDNA contained in the plasmid having ATCC™ accession number 97768, or encoded by nucleic acids which hybridize (e.g., under stringent hybridization conditions) to the nucleotide sequence contained in the deposited clone.

Additionally, antibodies of the present invention bind polypeptides comprising or alternatively, consisting of, the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3229, encoded by the cDNA contained in the plasmid having ATCC™ accession number 203518, or encoded by nucleic acids which hybridize (e.g., under stringent hybridization conditions) to the nucleotide sequence contained in the deposited clone. Antibodies of the present invention also bind to fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3229, encoded by the cDNA contained in the plasmid having ATCC™ accession number 203518, or encoded by nucleic acids which hybridize (e.g., under stringent hybridization conditions) to the nucleotide sequence contained in the deposited clone.

In addition, antibodies of the invention bind polypeptides or polypeptide fragments comprising or alternatively, consisting of, an amino acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NOS: 3230 through 3237.

In specific embodiments, the antibodies of the present invention immunospecifically bind polypeptide fragments including polypeptides comprising or alternatively, consisting of, an amino acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:3228, encoded by the cDNA contained in the deposited clone, or encoded by nucleic acids which hybridize (e.g., under stringent hybridization conditions) to the nucleotide sequence contained in the deposited clone. Protein fragments may be "free-standing," or comprised within a larger polypeptide of which the fragment forms a part or region, most preferably as a single continuous region. Representative examples of polypeptide fragments that may be bound by the antibodies of the present invention, include, for example, fragments that comprise or alternatively, consist of from about amino acid residues: 1 to 50, 51 to 100, 101 to 150, 151 to 200, 201 to 250, and/or 251 to 285 of SEQ ID NO:3228. Moreover, polypeptide fragments can be at least 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 175 or 200 amino acids in length.

In specific embodiments, antibodies of the present invention bind polypeptide fragments comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues: 1-46, 31-44, 47-72, 73-285, 73-83, 94-102, 148-152, 166-181, 185-209, 210-221, 226-237, 244-249, 253-265, and/or 277-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228.

It will be recognized by one of ordinary skill in the art that mutations targeted to regions of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3228 which encompass the nineteen amino acid residue insertion which is not found in the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3229 (i.e., amino acid residues Val-142 through Lys-160 of the sequence of SEQ ID NO:3229) may affect the

observed biological activities of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide. More specifically, a partial, non-limiting and non-exclusive list of such residues of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide sequence which may be targeted for mutation includes the following amino acid residues of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:3228: V-142; T-143; Q-144; D-145; C-146; L-147; Q-148; L-149; I-150; A-151; D-152; S-153; E-154; T-155; P-156; T-157; I-158; Q-159; and K-160. Thus, in specific embodiments, antibodies of the present invention that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides which have one or more mutations in the region from V-142 through K-160 of SEQ ID NO:3228 are contemplated.

Polypeptide fragments may be "free-standing," or comprised within a larger polypeptide of which the fragment forms a part or region, most preferably as a single continuous region. Representative examples of polypeptide fragments that may be bound by antibodies of the present invention, include, for example, fragments that comprise or alternatively, consist of from about amino acid residues: 1 to 15, 16-30, 31-46, 47-55, 56-72, 73-104, 105-163, 163-188, 186-210 and 210-284 of the amino acid sequence disclosed in SEQ ID NO:3228. Additional representative examples of polypeptide fragments that may be bound by antibodies of the present invention, include, for example, fragments that comprise or alternatively, consist of from about amino acid residues: 1 to 143, 1-150, 47-143, 47-150, 73-143, 73-150, 100-150, 140-145, 142-148, 140-150, 140-200, 140-225, and 140-266 of the amino acid sequence disclosed in SEQ ID NO:3229. Moreover, polypeptide fragments that may be bound by antibodies of the present invention, can be at least 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 175 or 200 amino acids in length. In this context, "about" means the particularly recited ranges and ranges larger or smaller by several, a few, 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 amino acid residues at either or both the amino- and carboxy-termini.

Additional preferred embodiments encompass antibodies that bind polypeptide fragments comprising, or alternatively consisting of, the predicted intracellular domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., amino acid residues 1-46 of SEQ ID NO:3228), the predicted transmembrane domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., amino acid residues 47-72 of SEQ ID NO:3228), the predicted extracellular domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., amino acid residues 73-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228), the mature soluble extracellular domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., amino acid residues 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228), the predicted TNF conserved domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., amino acid residues 191 to 284 of SEQ ID NO:3228), and a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively, consisting of the predicted intracellular domain fused to the predicted extracellular domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (amino acid residues 1-46 fused to amino acid residues 73-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228).

Further additional preferred embodiments encompass polypeptide fragments comprising, or alternatively consisting of, the predicted intracellular domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (amino acid residues 1-46 of SEQ ID NO:3229), the predicted transmembrane domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (amino acid residues 47-72 of SEQ ID NO:3229), the predicted extracellular domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (amino acid residues 73-266 of SEQ ID NO:3229), the predicted TNF conserved domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (amino acid residues 172 to 265 of SEQ ID NO:3229), and a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively, consisting of the predicted intracellular domain fused to the

predicted extracellular domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (amino acid residues 1-46 fused to amino acid residues 73-266 of SEQ ID NO:3229).

Certain additional embodiments of the invention encompass antibodies that bind polypeptide fragments comprising, or alternatively consisting of, the predicted beta-pleated sheet regions of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides of SEQ ID NO:3228 and SEQ ID NO:3229. These polypeptide fragments comprising the beta-pleated sheets of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprise, or alternatively consist of, amino acid residues Gln-144 to Ala-151, Phe-172 to Lys-173, Ala-177 to Glu-179, Asn-183 to Ile-185, Gly-191 to Lys-204, His-210 to Val-219, Leu-226 to Pro-237, Asn-242 to Ala-251, Gly-256 to Ile-263 and/or Val-276 to Leu-284 of SEQ ID NO:3228. In another, nonexclusive embodiment, these polypeptide fragments comprising the beta-pleated sheets of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprise, or alternatively consist of, amino acid residues Phe-153 to Lys-154, Ala-158 to Glu-160, Asn-164 to Ile-166, Gly-172 to Lys-185, His-191 to Val-200, Leu-207 to Pro-218, Asn-223 to Ala-232, Gly-237 to Ile-244 and/or Val-257 to Leu-265 of SEQ ID NO:3229.

A partial, non-limiting, and exemplary list of polypeptides that may be bound by the antibodies of the invention includes polypeptides that comprise, or alternatively consist of, combinations of amino acid sequences of the invention includes, for example, [Met-1 to Lys-113] fused to [Leu-114 to Thr-141] fused to [Val-142 to Lys-160] fused to [Gly-161 to Gln-198] fused to [Val-199 to Ala-248] fused to [Gly-249 to Leu-285] of SEQ ID NO:3228; or [Met-1 to Lys-113] fused to [Val-142 to Lys-160] fused to [Gly-161 to Gln-198] fused to [Val-199 to Ala-248] fused to [Gly-249 to Leu-285] of SEQ ID NO:3228; or [Met-1 to Lys-113] fused to [Leu-114 to Thr-141] fused to [Val-142 to Lys-160] fused to [Gly-161 to Gln-198] fused to [Gly-249 to Leu-285] of SEQ ID NO:3228. Other combinations of amino acid sequences that may be bound by the antibodies of the invention may include the polypeptide fragments in an order other than that recited above (e.g., [Leu-114 to Thr-141] fused to [Val-199 to Ala-248] fused to [Gly-249 to Leu-285] fused to [Val-142 to Lys-160] of (SEQ ID NO:3228). Other combinations of amino acid sequences that may be bound by the antibodies of the invention may also include heterologous polypeptide fragments as described herein and/or other polypeptides or polypeptide fragments of the present invention (e.g., [Met-1 to Lys-113] fused to [Leu-14 to Thr-141] fused to [Val-142 to Lys-160] fused to [Gly-161 to Gln-198] fused to [Gly-249 to Leu-285] of SEQ ID NO:3228 fused to a FLAG tag; or [Met-1 to Lys-113] of SEQ ID NO:3228 fused to [Leu-114 to Thr-141] of SEQ ID NO:3228 fused to [Gln-135 to Asn-165] of SEQ ID NO:39 fused to [Val-142 to Lys-160] of SEQ ID NO:3228 fused to [Gly-161 to Gln-198] of SEQ ID NO:3228 fused to [Val-199 to Ala-248] of SEQ ID NO:3228 fused to [Gly-249 to Leu-285] of SEQ ID NO:3228).

A partial, non-limiting, and exemplary list of polypeptides that may be bound by the antibodies of the invention includes polypeptides that comprise, or alternatively consist of, combinations of amino acid sequences includes, for example, [Met-1 to Lys-113] fused to [Leu-114 to Thr-141] fused to [Gly-142 to Gln-179] fused to [Val-180 to Ala-229] fused to [Gly-230 to Leu-266] of SEQ ID NO:3229; [Met-1 to Lys-113] fused to [Gly-142 to Gln-179] fused to [Val-180 to Ala-229] fused to [Gly-230 to Leu-266] of SEQ ID NO:3229; or [Met-1 to Lys-113] fused to [Leu-114 to Thr-141] fused to [Gly-142 to Gln-179] fused to [Gly-230 to Leu-266] of SEQ ID NO:3229. Other of amino acids

sequences that may be bound by the antibodies of the invention combinations may include the polypeptide fragments in an order other than that recited above (e.g., [Leu-114 to Thr-141] fused to [Val-180 to Ala-229] fused to [Gly-230 to Leu-266] fused to [Gly-142 to Gln-179] of SEQ ID NO:3229). Other combinations of amino acid sequences that may be bound by the antibodies of the invention may also include heterologous polypeptide fragments as described herein and/or other polypeptides or polypeptide fragments of the present invention (e.g., [Met-1 to Lys-113] fused to [Leu-114 to Thr-141] fused to [Gly-142 to Gln-179] fused to [Gly-230 to Leu-266] of SEQ ID NO:3229 fused to a FLAG tag (SEQ ID NO:3238) or, [Met-1 to Lys-113] of SEQ ID NO:3229 fused to [Leu-114 to Thr-141] of SEQ ID NO:3229 fused to [Glu-135 to Asn-165] of SEQ ID NO:39 fused to [Gly-142 to Gln-179] of SEQ ID NO:3229 fused to [Val-180 to Ala-229] of SEQ ID NO:3229 fused to [Gly-230 to Leu-266] of SEQ ID NO:3229.

Additional embodiments of the invention encompass antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide fragments comprising, or alternatively consisting of, functional regions of polypeptides of the invention, such as the Garnier-Robson alpha-regions, beta-regions, turn-regions, and coil-regions, Chou-Fasman alpha-regions, beta-regions, and coil-regions, Kyte-Doolittle hydrophilic regions and hydrophobic regions, Eisenberg alpha- and beta-amphipathic regions, Karplus-Schulz flexible regions, Emini surface-forming regions and Jameson-Wolf regions of high antigenic index set out in Tables 9 and 10 and as described herein. In a preferred embodiment, the polypeptide fragments bound by the antibodies of the invention are antigenic (i.e., containing four or more contiguous amino acids having an antigenic index of greater than or equal to 1.5, as identified using the default parameters of the Jameson-Wolf program) of a complete (i.e., full-length) B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide (e.g., SEQ ID NOS:3228 and 3229).

The data representing the structural or functional attributes of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3228 (Table 9) or the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3229 (Table 10), as described above, was generated using the various modules and algorithms of the DNA*STAR set on default parameters. Column I represents the results of a Garnier-Robson analysis of alpha helical regions; Column II represents the results of a Chou-Fasman analysis of alpha helical regions; Column III

represents the results of a Garnier Robson analysis of beta sheet regions; Column IV represents the results of a Chou-Fasman analysis of beta sheet regions; Column V represents the results of a Garnier Robson analysis of turn regions; Column VI represents the results of a Chou-Fasman analysis of turn regions; Column VII represents the results of a Garnier Robson analysis of coil regions; Column VIII represents a Kyte-Doolittle hydrophilicity plot; Column IX represents a Hopp-Woods hydrophobicity plot; Column X represents the results of an Eisenberg analysis of alpha amphipathic regions; Column XI represents the results of an Eisenberg analysis of beta amphipathic regions; Column XII represents the results of a Karplus-Schulz analysis of flexible regions; Column XIII represents the Jameson-Wolf antigenic index score; and Column XIV represents the Emini surface probability plot.

In a preferred embodiment, the data presented in columns VIII, IX, XIII, and XIV of Tables 9 and 10 can be used to determine regions of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3228 (Table 9) or the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3229 (Table 10) which exhibit a high degree of potential for antigenicity. Regions of high antigenicity are determined from the data presented in columns VIII, IX, XIII, and/or XIV by choosing values which represent regions of the polypeptide which are likely to be exposed on the surface of the polypeptide in an environment in which antigen recognition may occur in the process of initiation of an immune response.

The above-mentioned preferred regions set out in Tables 9 and 10 include, but are not limited to, regions of the aforementioned types identified by analysis of the amino acid sequence set out in SEQ ID NO:2. As set out in Tables 9 and 10, such preferred regions include Garnier-Robson alpha-regions, beta-regions, turn-regions, and coil-regions, Chou-Fasman alpha-regions, beta-regions, and turn-regions, Kyte-Doolittle hydrophilic regions, Eisenberg alpha- and beta-amphipathic regions, Karplus-Schulz flexible regions, Jameson-Wolf regions of high antigenic index and Emini surface-forming regions. Preferably, antibodies of the present invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides or B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide fragments and variants comprising regions of B Lymphocyte Stimulator that combine several structural features, such as several (e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4) of the same or different region features set out above and in Tables 9 and 10.

TABLE 9

Res	Position	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV
Met	1	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.73	-0.71	.	.	.	0.95	1.39
Asp	2	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	1.12	-0.66	*	.	.	1.15	1.56
Asp	3	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	1.62	-1.09	*	.	.	1.15	2.12
Ser	4	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	2.01	-1.51	*	.	.	1.15	4.19
Thr	5	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	2.40	-2.13	*	.	F	1.30	4.35
Glu	6	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	2.70	-1.73	*	*	F	0.90	4.51
Arg	7	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.81	-1.34	*	*	F	0.90	4.51
Glu	8	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	2.00	-1.73	*	*	F	0.90	6.12
Glu	9	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.99	-1.53	*	*	F	0.90	2.91
Ser	10	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	2.00	-1.04	*	*	F	0.90	2.15
Arg	11	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	1.33	-0.66	*	*	F	0.90	1.66
Leu	12	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	0.41	-0.09	*	*	F	0.45	0.51
Thr	13	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	0.46	0.20	*	*	F	-0.15	0.32
Ser	14	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.50	-0.19	*	*	.	0.30	0.32
Cys	15	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.91	-0.19	*	*	.	0.30	0.78
Leu	16	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.80	-0.87	*	*	F	0.90	1.06
Lys	17	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.61	-1.36	.	*	F	0.90	1.37
Lys	18	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.32	-1.74	.	*	F	0.90	4.44
Arg	19	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.67	-1.70	.	*	F	0.90	5.33
Glu	20	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.52	-2.39	.	*	F	0.90	5.33

TABLE 9-continued

Res	Position	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV
Glu	21	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	2.38	-1.70	.	*	F	0.90	2.20
Met	22	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	2.33	-1.70	.	*	F	0.90	2.24
Lys	23	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.62	-1.70	.	*	F	0.90	2.24
Leu	24	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.66	-1.13	*	*	F	0.75	0.69
Lys	25	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.36	-0.49	.	*	F	0.45	0.52
Glu	26	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	-0.53	-0.71	*	*	.	0.60	0.35
Cys	27	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	-0.74	-0.03	*	*	.	0.30	0.30
Val	28	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	-1.00	-0.03	*	*	.	0.30	0.12
Ser	29	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	-0.08	0.40	*	*	.	-0.30	0.11
Ile	30	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.08	0.40	*	*	.	-0.30	0.40
Leu	31	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.08	-0.17	*	.	.	0.45	1.08
Pro	32	.	.	.	B	.	C	.	0.29	-0.81	.	.	F	1.10	1.39
Arg	33	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.93	-0.81	.	*	F	1.50	2.66
Lys	34	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.93	-1.07	.	.	F	1.84	4.98
Glu	35	.	.	.	.	.	C	.	0.97	-1.37	*	.	F	1.98	4.32
Ser	36	.	.	.	.	T	C	.	1.89	-1.16	*	*	F	2.52	1.64
Pro	37	.	.	.	.	T	C	.	1.80	-1.16	*	*	F	2.86	1.60
Ser	38	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	1.39	-0.77	*	.	F	3.40	1.24
Val	39	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	1.39	-0.39	.	*	F	2.36	1.24
Arg	40	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.39	-0.77	*	.	F	2.46	1.60
Ser	41	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.34	-1.20	*	*	F	2.46	2.00
Ser	42	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	1.60	-1.16	.	*	F	3.06	2.67
Lys	43	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	1.09	-1.80	.	*	F	3.06	2.72
Asp	44	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	1.13	-1.11	*	*	F	3.40	1.67
Gly	45	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	0.43	-0.81	*	*	F	2.66	1.03
Lys	46	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.14	-0.70	.	.	F	1.77	0.52
Leu	47	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.13	-0.20	.	.	.	0.98	0.31
Leu	48	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.72	0.29	*	.	.	0.04	0.46
Ala	49	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.53	0.54	.	*	.	-0.60	0.19
Ala	50	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-2.00	1.23	.	.	.	-0.60	0.19
Thr	51	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-2.63	1.23	.	.	.	-0.60	0.19
Leu	52	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-2.63	1.04	.	.	.	-0.60	0.19
Lys	53	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-2.63	1.23	.	.	.	-0.60	0.15
Leu	54	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-2.34	1.41	.	.	.	-0.60	0.09
Ala	55	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-2.42	1.31	.	.	.	-0.60	0.14
Leu	56	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-2.78	1.20	.	.	.	-0.60	0.09
Leu	57	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	-2.78	1.09	.	.	.	-0.20	0.06
Ser	58	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	-2.28	1.09	.	.	.	-0.20	0.05
Cys	59	A	.	.	.	.	.	T	2.32	1.07	.	.	.	-0.20	0.09
Cys	60	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	-2.59	1.03	.	.	.	-0.20	0.08
Leu	61	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-2.08	0.99	.	.	.	-0.60	0.04
Thr	62	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-1.97	0.99	.	.	.	-0.60	0.11
Val	63	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-1.91	1.20	.	.	.	-0.60	0.17
Val	64	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-1.24	1.39	.	.	.	-0.60	0.33
Ser	65	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-1.43	1.10	.	.	.	-0.60	0.40
Phe	66	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-1.21	1.26	.	.	.	-0.60	0.40
Tyr	67	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-1.49	1.11	.	.	.	-0.60	0.54
Gln	68	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-1.44	0.97	.	.	.	-0.60	0.41
Val	69	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.59	1.27	.	.	.	-0.60	0.39
Ala	70	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.63	0.89	.	.	.	-0.60	0.43
Ala	71	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	0.07	0.56	.	*	.	-0.60	0.25
Leu	72	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	-0.50	0.16	.	*	.	0.10	0.55
Gln	73	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	-1.09	0.20	.	.	F	0.25	0.45
Gly	74	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	-0.53	0.20	.	.	F	0.25	0.45
Asp	75	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	-0.76	0.09	.	.	F	0.25	0.73
Leu	76	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.06	0.09	.	*	F	-0.15	0.35
Ala	77	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.17	-0.31	.	*	.	0.30	0.69
Ser	78	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.17	-0.24	.	*	.	0.30	0.42
Leu	79	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.30	-0.24	.	*	.	0.30	0.88
Arg	80	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.30	-0.24	.	*	.	0.30	0.72
Ala	81	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.17	-0.34	.	*	.	0.30	0.93
Glu	82	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.72	-0.30	*	*	.	0.45	1.11
Leu	83	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.99	-0.49	.	*	.	0.30	0.77
Gln	84	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.21	0.01	.	*	.	-0.15	1.04
Gly	85	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.10	0.01	.	*	*	-0.30	0.61
His	86	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.73	0.01	.	*	*	-0.13	1.27
His	87	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.92	-0.67	.	*	*	0.75	1.47
Ala	88	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.52	-0.39	.	*	.	0.45	1.22
Glu	89	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.93	-0.39	.	.	.	0.45	1.39
Lys	90	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.93	-0.39	*	.	F	0.60	1.03
Leu	91	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	0.38	-0.46	*	.	.	0.85	1.01
Pro	92	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	0.07	-0.46	.	.	.	0.70	0.59
Ala	93	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	0.07	-0.03	.	.	.	0.70	0.29
Gly	94	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	-0.14	0.47	.	.	.	-0.20	0.36
Ala	95	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.14	0.21	.	*	.	-0.10	0.36
Gly	96	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.08	-0.21	.	.	F	0.65	0.71
Ala	97	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.06	-0.21	.	.	F	0.65	0.72

TABLE 9-continued

Res	Position	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	
Pro	98	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.28	-0.21	.	*	F	0.65	0.71	
Lys	99	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.07	-0.03	.	.	F	0.45	0.59	
Ala	100	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.66	-0.46	.	.	F	0.60	1.01	
Gly	101	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.41	-0.36	.	.	F	0.90	1.13	
Leu	102	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.79	-0.89	.	.	F	0.75	0.57	
Glu	103	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.41	-0.46	*	.	F	0.45	0.88	
Glu	104	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.49	-0.46	*	.	F	0.45	0.89	
Ala	105	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.21	-0.24	.	.	.	0.30	0.81	
Pro	106	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.46	-0.44	.	.	.	0.30	0.67	
Ala	107	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	0.06	.	.	.	-0.30	0.39	
Val	108	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.80	0.49	.	*	.	-0.60	0.38	
Thr	109	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.76	0.67	.	*	.	-0.60	0.20	
Ala	110	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.06	0.24	*	*	.	-0.30	0.40	
Gly	111	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.54	0.43	*	*	.	-0.60	0.38	
Leu	112	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.96	0.57	*	*	.	-0.60	0.23	
Lys	113	.	A	B	.	.	.	.	-0.31	0.09	*	*	.	-0.30	0.39	
Ile	114	.	A	B	.	.	.	.	-0.21	0.01	*	.	.	-0.30	0.61	
Phe	115	.	A	B	.	.	.	.	-0.21	0.01	*	.	.	0.15	1.15	
Glu	116	.	A	.	.	.	.	.	C	-0.08	-0.17	*	.	F	1.25	0.58
Pro	117	.	A	.	.	.	.	.	C	0.39	0.26	*	*	F	1.10	1.28
Pro	118	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	0.34	-0.00	.	.	F	2.20	1.47
Ala	119	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	C	0.89	-0.79	.	*	F	3.00	1.47
Pro	120	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	C	1.59	-0.36	.	*	F	2.25	0.94
Gly	121	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	C	1.29	-0.39	.	*	F	2.15	0.98
Glu	122	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	C	1.20	-0.43	.	.	F	2.00	1.30
Gly	123	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	1.41	-0.54	.	.	F	1.60	1.12
Asn	124	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	2.00	-0.57	.	.	F	1.50	1.97
Ser	125	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	C	1.91	-0.60	.	*	F	1.50	1.82
Ser	126	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	C	2.37	-0.21	.	*	F	1.54	2.47
Glu	127	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	C	2.37	-0.64	.	*	F	2.18	3.01
Asn	128	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	2.76	-0.64	.	.	F	2.32	3.61
Ser	129	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	2.87	-1.03	.	.	F	2.86	5.39
Arg	130	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	C	2.58	-1.41	*	.	F	3.40	6.09
Asn	131	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	C	2.02	-1.31	*	.	F	3.06	3.83
Lys	132	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	C	2.02	-1.07	*	.	F	2.72	2.12
Arg	133	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	C	1.68	-1.06	*	.	F	2.18	1.88
Ala	134	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	1.77	-0.63	*	.	F	1.64	1.15
Val	135	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	1.66	-0.60	*	.	F	1.49	0.89
Glu	136	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	1.66	-0.60	*	.	F	1.83	0.79
Gly	137	.	.	.	.	T	C	.	C	1.30	-0.60	*	.	F	2.52	1.35
Pro	138	.	.	.	.	T	C	.	C	0.33	-0.61	*	.	F	2.86	2.63
Glu	139	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	C	0.61	-0.61	*	.	F	3.40	1.13
Glu	140	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	C	1.47	-0.53	*	.	F	2.66	1.64
Thr	141	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	1.47	-0.56	.	.	F	2.12	1.84
Val	142	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	1.14	-0.99	.	.	F	1.78	1.77
Thr	143	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	C	0.54	-0.41	.	.	F	1.19	0.55
Glu	144	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	C	0.54	0.27	*	.	F	0.25	0.31
Asp	145	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	C	-0.27	0.19	*	.	F	0.25	0.73
Cys	146	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	C	-0.84	0.23	.	.	.	0.10	0.42
Leu	147	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	C	-0.58	0.43	*	.	.	-0.60	0.17
Glu	148	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	C	-0.27	0.53	*	.	.	-0.60	0.10
Leu	149	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	C	-0.57	0.53	*	*	.	-0.30	0.32
Ile	150	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	C	-0.57	0.34	*	.	.	0.30	0.52
Ala	151	.	A	.	.	.	.	.	C	-0.21	-0.34	.	*	.	1.40	0.52
Asp	152	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	C	0.39	-0.26	.	*	F	2.45	0.91
Ser	153	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	C	0.08	-0.51	.	.	F	3.00	2.00
Glu	154	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	C	-0.00	-0.71	.	.	F	2.70	2.86
Thr	155	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	C	0.89	-0.53	*	.	F	2.40	2.20
Pro	156	.	.	.	.	B	.	.	C	1.52	-0.13	*	.	F	1.56	1.55
Thr	157	.	.	.	.	B	T	.	C	1.18	-0.51	*	.	F	1.92	1.79
Ile	158	A	.	.	.	B	.	.	C	1.18	-0.09	.	.	F	1.08	1.23
Glu	159	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	C	0.93	-0.19	.	.	F	2.04	1.07
Lys	160	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	C	0.93	0.14	*	.	F	1.60	1.16
Gly	161	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	C	0.44	0.14	*	.	F	1.44	2.38
Ser	162	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	C	-0.10	0.24	*	.	F	1.28	1.19
Tyr	163	.	.	.	.	B	T	.	C	0.58	0.49	.	.	.	0.12	0.44
Thr	164	.	.	.	.	B	B	.	C	0.29	0.91	*	.	.	-0.44	0.69
Phe	165	.	.	.	.	B	B	.	C	-0.57	1.40	*	.	.	-0.60	0.54
Val	166	.	.	.	.	B	B	.	C	-1.03	1.70	.	.	.	-0.60	0.29
Pro	167	.	.	.	.	B	B	.	C	-1.03	1.63	.	.	.	-0.60	0.16
Trp	168	A	.	.	.	B	.	.	C	-1.49	1.53	*	.	.	-0.60	0.25
Leu	169	A	.	.	.	B	.	.	C	-1.13	1.53	*	.	.	-0.60	0.29
Ter	170	A	.	.	.	B	.	.	C	-0.32	0.89	*	.	.	-0.30	0.38
Thr	171	A	.	.	.	B	.	.	C	0.19	0.46	*	.	.	0.20	0.71
Phe	172	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	C	0.10	-0.03	*	.	.	1.80	0.85
Lys	173	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	C	-0.20	-0.33	*	.	F	2.60	1.38
Arg	174	.	.	.	.	T	C	.	C	-0.20	-0.51	.	.	F	3.00	1.04

TABLE 9-continued

Res	Position	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV
Gly	175	.	.	.	.	.	T	C	0.61	-0.21	.	.	F	2.25	0.99
Ser	176	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	0.91	-1.00	*	.	F	2.05	0.86
Ala	177	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.66	-1.00	*	.	F	1.35	0.76
Leu	178	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.61	-1.00	*	.	F	1.20	1.54
Glu	179	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.50	-1.43	.	.	F	0.90	1.98
Glu	180	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.89	-1.41	*	.	F	0.90	3.16
Lys	181	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.30	-1.91	*	.	F	0.90	7.66
Glu	182	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.08	-1.91	.	.	F	0.90	3.10
Asn	183	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.03	-1.23	*	.	F	0.90	1.48
Lys	184	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.08	-0.59	*	.	F	0.75	0.55
Ile	185	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.08	-0.59	*	*	.	0.60	0.63
Leu	186	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.72	-0.59	*	*	.	0.60	0.68
Val	187	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.38	-0.50	*	.	.	0.30	0.49
Lys	188	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.13	-0.07	*	.	F	0.45	0.69
Glu	189	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.61	0.00	.	.	F	0.40	1.32
Thr	190	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	-0.42	0.10	*	F	0.80	1.54	
Gly	191	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	-0.50	0.24	*	.	F	0.65	0.67
Tyr	192	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	0.11	0.93	*	.	.	0.20	0.27
Phe	193	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-0.28	1.69	.	.	.	0.60	0.29
Phe	194	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-0.28	1.63	.	*	.	-0.60	0.29
Ile	195	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-0.82	1.60	.	.	.	-0.60	0.32
Tyr	196	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-1.29	1.49	.	.	.	-0.60	0.28
Gly	197	.	.	B	T	.	.	.	-1.29	1.39	.	.	.	-0.20	0.26
Glu	198	.	.	B	T	.	.	.	-0.90	1.36	.	.	.	-0.20	0.59
Val	199	.	.	B	.	.	C	.	-0.20	1.16	.	.	.	-0.40	0.54
Leu	200	.	.	B	.	.	C	.	0.73	0.40	.	.	.	-0.10	0.92
Tyr	201	.	.	.	T	.	.	.	0.67	-0.03	.	.	.	1.25	1.06
Thr	202	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	0.77	0.06	.	.	F	0.80	2.06
Asp	203	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	0.18	0.17	.	.	F	0.80	3.91
Lys	204	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.43	-0.01	.	.	F	1.00	2.52
Thr	205	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.90	-0.16	.	.	F	0.60	1.73
Tyr	206	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.11	-0.21	.	.	.	0.45	1.03
Ala	207	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.61	0.29	.	.	.	-0.30	0.70
Met	208	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.28	0.97	.	.	.	-0.60	0.40
Gly	209	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	-0.32	1.17	*	.	.	-0.60	0.18
His	210	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	0.10	0.81	*	.	.	-0.60	0.31
Leu	211	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	0.39	0.31	.	.	.	-0.30	0.61
Ile	212	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	1.02	-0.30	.	.	.	0.45	1.22
Glu	213	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	0.77	-0.73	.	*	.	0.75	1.80
Arg	214	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	1.08	-0.59	.	*	F	0.90	1.62
Lys	215	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	0.26	-0.77	*	*	F	0.90	3.14
Lys	216	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	0.37	-0.81	.	*	F	0.90	1.35
Val	217	.	A	B	B	.	.	.	0.91	-0.43	*	*	.	0.30	0.60
His	218	.	A	B	B	.	.	.	0.91	-0.00	*	*	.	0.30	0.29
Val	219	.	A	B	B	.	.	.	0.80	-0.00	*	*	.	0.30	0.25
Phe	220	.	B	B	.	.	.	.	-0.06	-0.00	*	.	.	0.30	0.57
Gly	221	A	.	B	.	.	.	.	-0.40	0.04	.	*	.	-0.30	0.35
Asp	222	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.36	-0.07	*	.	.	0.50	0.63
Glu	223	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1.18	-0.03	*	.	.	0.50	0.60
Leu	224	A	.	B	.	.	.	.	-0.63	-0.17	.	.	.	0.30	0.45
Ser	225	A	.	B	.	.	.	.	-0.74	-0.11	.	.	.	0.30	0.39
Leu	226	A	.	B	.	.	.	.	-1.10	0.57	.	*	.	-0.60	0.18
Val	227	A	.	B	.	.	.	.	-0.99	1.36	.	*	.	-0.60	0.19
Thr	228	A	.	B	.	.	.	.	-1.66	0.67	*	*	.	-0.60	0.28
Leu	229	A	.	B	.	.	.	.	-1.73	0.86	*	.	.	-0.60	0.18
Phe	230	A	.	B	.	.	.	.	-1.43	0.86	*	.	.	-0.60	0.17
Arg	231	A	.	B	.	.	.	.	-0.62	0.61	*	.	.	-0.60	0.21
Cys	232	.	.	B	T	.	.	.	-0.37	0.53	*	.	.	-0.20	0.41
Ile	233	.	.	B	T	.	.	.	-0.27	0.46	*	.	.	-0.20	0.46
Glu	234	.	.	B	T	.	.	.	0.54	0.10	.	.	.	0.10	0.37
Asn	235	.	.	B	.	.	C	.	0.93	0.10	*	.	.	0.05	1.19
Met	236	.	.	B	.	.	C	.	0.01	0.01	*	.	F	0.20	2.44
Pro	237	.	.	B	.	.	C	.	0.47	0.01	*	.	F	0.44	1.16
Glu	238	.	.	.	T	.	.	.	1.36	0.04	*	.	F	1.08	1.12
Thr	239	.	.	.	.	.	C	.	1.36	0.04	*	.	F	1.12	1.82
Leu	240	.	.	.	.	.	C	.	1.06	-0.17	*	.	F	1.96	1.89
Pro	241	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.99	-0.21	.	.	F	2.40	1.46
Asn	242	.	.	.	T	.	.	.	0.96	0.36	.	.	F	1.41	0.54
Asn	243	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	0.66	0.63	.	.	F	1.22	1.03
Ser	244	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	0.38	0.33	.	.	F	1.13	0.89
Cys	245	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	0.84	0.40	.	.	.	0.74	0.56
Tyr	246	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	0.17	0.43	.	.	.	0.20	0.35
Ser	247	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.42	0.71	.	.	.	-0.40	0.18
Ala	248	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.38	0.83	.	.	.	-0.60	0.34
Gly	249	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.89	0.26	.	.	.	-0.30	0.43
Ile	250	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.22	0.19	*	.	.	-0.30	0.27
Ala	251	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.02	-0.20	*	.	.	0.30	0.46

TABLE 9-continued

Res	Position	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV
Lys	252	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.02	-0.70	.	.	.	0.60	0.80
Leu	253	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.57	-0.70	.	.	F	0.90	1.13
Glu	254	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.91	-1.39	.	.	F	0.90	1.87
Glu	255	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.99	-1.89	.	.	F	0.90	1.62
Gly	256	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.58	-1.20	.	*	F	0.90	1.62
Asp	257	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.72	-1.49	.	*	F	0.90	1.62
Glu	258	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.94	-0.80	.	*	F	0.75	0.77
Leu	259	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.06	-0.30	*	*	.	0.30	0.79
Gln	260	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.16	-0.04	*	*	.	0.30	0.33
Leu	261	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.30	0.39	*	*	.	-0.30	0.30
Ala	262	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.30	0.39	*	*	.	-0.30	0.70
Ile	263	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.30	-0.30	*	*	.	0.30	0.70
Pro	264	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	0.52	-0.30	.	*	F	1.00	1.37
Arg	265	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	0.52	-0.49	.	*	F	1.00	1.37
Glu	266	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	0.44	-0.59	*	*	F	1.30	3.38
Asn	267	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	0.73	-0.59	*	*	F	1.30	1.53
Ala	268	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.81	-0.63	*	*	.	0.95	1.05
Gln	269	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.02	0.06	*	*	.	-0.10	0.50
Ile	270	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.57	0.06	.	*	.	0.15	0.52
Ser	271	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	0.57	0.09	.	.	.	0.60	0.51
Leu	272	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	-0.29	-0.41	.	*	F	1.60	0.49
Asp	273	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	-0.01	-0.17	.	*	F	2.25	0.52
Gly	274	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	-0.71	-0.37	.	*	F	2.50	0.56
Asp	275	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	-0.52	0.03	.	*	F	1.65	0.59
Val	276	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	-0.57	0.13	.	*	F	1.00	0.30
Thr	277	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.34	0.56	.	*	.	-0.10	0.30
Phe	278	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-1.16	0.63	.	.	.	-0.35	0.18
Pro	279	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.77	1.31	.	.	.	-0.60	0.20
Gly	280	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.58	0.67	.	*	.	-0.60	0.28
Ala	281	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.53	0.87	.	*	.	-0.60	0.27
Leu	282	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.61	0.77	*	.	.	-0.60	0.26
Lys	283	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.30	0.41	*	.	.	-0.60	0.33
Leu	284	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.99	0.41	.	.	.	-0.60	0.42
Leu	285	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.03	0.34	*	.	.	-0.30	0.65

TABLE 10

Res	Position	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV
Met	1	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.73	-0.71	.	.	.	0.95	1.39
Asp	2	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	1.12	-0.66	*	.	.	1.15	1.56
Asp	3	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	1.62	-1.09	*	.	.	1.15	2.12
Ser	4	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	2.01	-1.51	.	.	.	1.15	4.19
Thr	5	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	2.40	-2.13	.	.	F	1.30	4.35
Glu	6	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	2.70	-1.73	*	*	F	0.90	4.51
Arg	7	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	2.81	-1.34	*	*	F	0.90	4.51
Glu	8	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	2.00	-1.73	*	*	F	0.90	6.12
Gln	9	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.99	-1.53	*	*	F	0.90	2.91
Ser	10	A	.	.	.	B	.	.	2.00	-1.04	*	*	F	0.90	2.15
Arg	11	A	.	.	.	B	.	.	1.33	-0.66	*	*	F	0.90	1.66
Leu	12	A	.	.	.	B	.	.	0.41	-0.09	*	*	F	0.45	0.51
Thr	13	A	.	.	.	B	.	.	0.46	0.20	*	*	F	-0.15	0.32
Ser	14	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.50	-0.19	*	*	.	0.30	0.32
Cys	15	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.91	-0.19	*	*	.	0.30	0.78
Leu	16	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.80	-0.87	*	*	F	0.90	1.06
Lys	17	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.61	-1.36	.	*	F	0.90	1.37
Lys	18	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.32	-1.74	.	*	F	0.90	4.44
Arg	19	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.67	-1.70	.	*	F	0.90	5.33
Glu	20	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.52	-2.39	.	*	F	0.90	5.33
Glu	21	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	2.38	-1.70	.	*	F	0.90	2.20
Met	22	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	2.33	-1.70	.	*	F	0.90	2.24
Lys	23	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.62	-1.70	*	*	F	0.90	2.24
Leu	24	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.66	-1.13	*	*	F	0.75	0.69
Lys	25	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.36	-0.49	*	*	F	0.45	0.52
Glu	26	A	A	.	.	B	.	.	-0.53	-0.71	*	*	.	0.60	0.35
Cys	27	A	A	.	.	B	.	.	-0.74	-0.03	*	*	.	0.30	0.30
Val	28	A	A	.	.	B	.	.	-1.00	-0.03	*	*	.	0.30	0.12
Ser	29	A	A	.	.	B	.	.	-0.08	0.40	*	*	.	-0.30	0.11
Ile	30	A	.	.	.	B	.	.	-0.08	0.40	*	*	.	-0.30	0.40
Leu	31	.	.	.	.	B	.	.	-0.08	-0.17	*	*	.	0.45	1.08
Pro	32	.	.	.	.	B	.	C	0.29	-0.81	*	*	F	1.10	1.39
Arg	33	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.93	-0.81	.	*	F	1.50	2.66
Lys	34	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.93	-1.07	.	.	F	1.84	4.98
Glu	35	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	0.97	-1.37	*	*	F	1.98	4.32

TABLE 10-continued

Res	Position	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV
Ser	36	.	.	.	.	.	T	C	1.89	-1.16	*	*	F	2.52	1.64
Pro	37	.	.	.	.	.	T	C	1.80	-1.16	*	*	F	2.86	1.60
Ser	38	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	1.39	-0.77	*	*	F	3.40	1.24
Val	39	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	1.39	-0.39	*	*	F	2.36	1.24
Arg	40	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.39	-0.77	*	*	F	2.46	1.60
Ser	41	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.34	-1.20	*	*	F	2.46	2.00
Lys	42	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	1.60	-1.16	*	*	F	3.06	2.67
Asp	43	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	1.09	-1.80	*	*	F	3.06	2.72
Gly	44	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	1.13	-1.11	*	*	F	3.40	1.67
Gly	45	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.43	-0.81	*	*	F	2.66	1.03
Lys	46	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.14	-0.70	.	.	F	1.77	0.52
Leu	47	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.13	-0.20	*	.	.	0.98	0.31
Leu	48	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.72	0.29	*	.	.	0.04	0.46
Ala	49	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.53	0.54	.	*	.	-0.60	0.19
Ala	50	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-2.00	1.23	.	.	.	-0.60	0.19
Thr	51	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-2.63	1.23	.	.	.	-0.60	0.19
Leu	52	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-2.63	1.04	.	.	.	-0.60	0.19
Leu	53	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-2.63	1.23	.	.	.	-0.60	0.15
Leu	54	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-2.34	1.41	.	.	.	-0.60	0.09
Ala	55	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-2.42	1.31	.	.	.	-0.60	0.14
Leu	56	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-2.78	1.20	.	.	.	-0.60	0.09
Ser	57	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	-2.78	1.09	.	.	.	-0.20	0.06
Ser	58	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	-2.32	1.07	.	.	.	-0.20	0.09
Cys	59	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2.32	1.07	.	.	.	-0.20	0.09
Cys	60	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	-2.59	1.03	.	.	.	-0.20	0.08
Leu	61	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-2.08	0.99	.	.	.	-0.60	0.04
Thr	62	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-1.97	0.99	.	.	.	-0.60	0.11
Val	63	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-1.91	1.20	.	.	.	-0.60	0.17
Val	64	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-1.24	1.39	.	.	.	-0.60	0.33
Ser	65	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-1.43	1.10	.	.	.	-0.60	0.40
Phe	66	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-1.21	1.26	.	.	.	-0.60	0.40
Tyr	67	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-1.49	1.11	.	.	.	-0.60	0.54
Glu	68	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-1.44	0.97	.	.	.	-0.60	0.41
Val	69	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.59	1.27	.	.	.	-0.60	0.39
Ala	70	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.63	0.89	.	.	.	-0.60	0.43
Ala	71	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	0.07	0.56	*	.	.	-0.60	0.25
Leu	72	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	-0.50	0.16	.	.	.	0.10	0.55
Glu	73	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1.09	0.20	.	.	F	0.25	0.45
Gly	74	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.53	0.20	.	.	F	0.25	0.45
Asp	75	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	-0.76	0.09	*	F	0.25	0.73	
Leu	76	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.06	0.09	*	F	-0.15	0.35	
Ala	77	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.17	-0.31	*	.	.	0.30	0.69
Ser	78	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.17	-0.24	*	.	.	0.30	0.42
Leu	79	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.30	-0.24	*	.	.	0.30	0.88
Arg	80	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.30	-0.24	*	.	.	0.30	0.72
Ala	81	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.17	-0.34	*	.	.	0.30	0.93
Glu	82	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.72	-0.30	*	.	.	0.45	1.11
Leu	83	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.99	-0.49	*	.	.	0.30	0.77
Glu	84	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.21	0.01	*	.	.	-0.15	1.04
Gly	85	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.10	0.01	*	.	.	-0.30	0.61
His	86	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.73	0.01	*	.	.	-0.15	1.27
His	87	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.92	-0.67	*	.	.	0.75	1.47
Ala	88	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.52	-0.39	*	.	.	0.45	1.22
Glu	89	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.93	-0.39	.	.	.	0.45	1.39
Lys	90	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.93	-0.39	*	F	0.60	1.03	
Pro	91	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.38	-0.46	*	.	.	0.85	1.01
Leu	92	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.07	-0.46	.	.	.	0.70	0.59
Ala	93	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.07	-0.03	.	.	.	0.70	0.29
Gly	94	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	-0.14	0.47	.	.	.	-0.20	0.36
Ala	95	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.14	0.21	*	.	.	-0.10	0.36
Gly	96	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.08	-0.21	.	.	F	0.65	0.71
Ala	97	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.06	-0.21	.	.	F	0.65	0.72
Pro	98	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.28	-0.21	*	F	0.71	0.71	
Lys	99	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.07	-0.03	.	F	0.45	0.59	
Ala	100	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.66	-0.46	.	F	0.60	1.01	
Gly	101	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.41	-0.96	.	F	0.90	1.13	
Leu	102	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.79	-0.89	.	F	0.75	0.57	
Glu	103	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.41	-0.46	*	F	0.45	0.88	
Glu	104	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.49	-0.46	*	F	0.45	0.89	
Ala	105	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.21	-0.24	.	.	.	0.30	0.81
Pro	106	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.46	-0.44	.	.	.	0.30	0.67
Ala	107	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.01	0.06	.	.	.	-0.30	0.39
Val	108	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.80	0.49	*	.	.	-0.60	0.38
Thr	109	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.76	0.67	*	.	.	-0.60	0.20
Ala	110	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.06	0.24	*	.	.	-0.30	0.40
Gly	111	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.54	0.43	*	*	.	-0.60	0.38
Leu	112	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.96	0.57	*	*	.	-0.60	0.23

TABLE 10-continued

Res	Position	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV
Lys	113	.	A	B	.	.	.	.	-0.31	0.09	*	*	.	-0.30	0.39
Ile	114	.	A	B	.	.	.	.	-0.21	0.01	*	.	.	-0.30	0.61
Phe	115	.	A	B	.	.	.	.	-0.21	0.01	*	.	.	0.15	1.15
Glu	116	.	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.08	-0.17	*	.	.	1.25	0.58
Pro	117	.	A	.	.	.	.	.	C	0.39	0.26	*	*	F	1.10
Pro	118	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	0.34	0.00	*	.	F	2.20
Ala	119	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	C	0.89	-0.79	.	*	F	3.00
Pro	120	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	C	1.59	-0.36	.	*	F	2.25
Gly	121	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	C	1.29	-0.39	.	*	F	2.15
Glu	122	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	1.20	-0.43	.	.	F	2.00
Gly	123	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	1.41	-0.54	.	.	F	1.60
Asn	124	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	C	2.00	-0.57	.	.	F	1.50
Ser	125	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	C	1.91	-0.60	.	*	F	1.50
Ser	126	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	C	2.37	-0.21	.	*	F	1.54
Glu	127	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	C	2.37	-0.64	.	.	F	2.18
Asn	128	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	2.76	-0.64	.	.	F	2.32
Ser	129	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	C	2.87	-1.03	.	.	F	2.86
Arg	130	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	T	2.58	-1.41	*	.	F	3.40
Asn	131	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	T	2.02	-1.31	*	.	F	3.06
Lys	132	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	T	2.02	-1.07	.	.	F	2.72
Arg	133	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	1.68	-1.06	*	.	F	2.18
Ala	134	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	1.77	-0.63	*	.	F	1.64
Val	135	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	1.66	-0.60	*	.	F	1.15
Glu	136	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	1.66	-0.60	*	.	F	1.49
Gly	137	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	C	1.30	-0.60	*	.	F	2.18
Pro	138	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	C	0.84	-0.61	.	.	F	2.52
Glu	139	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	1.13	-0.83	*	.	F	2.80
Glu	140	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	T	1.74	-0.84	.	.	F	3.40
Thr	141	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	1.43	-0.51	.	.	F	2.86
Gly	142	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	T	1.08	-0.46	.	.	F	2.42
Ser	143	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	T	0.43	0.33	.	.	F	1.33
Tyr	144	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	T	0.22	0.97	.	.	.	0.54
Thr	145	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	T	-0.07	0.91	.	.	.	0.20
Phe	146	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	.	-0.57	1.40	.	.	.	-0.60
Val	147	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	.	-1.03	1.70	.	.	.	-0.60
Pro	148	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	.	-1.03	1.63	.	.	.	-0.60
Tyr	149	A	.	B	.	.	.	.	.	-1.49	1.53	.	*	.	-0.60
Leu	150	A	.	B	.	.	.	.	.	-1.13	1.53	*	.	.	-0.60
Leu	151	A	.	B	.	.	.	.	.	-0.32	0.89	*	.	.	-0.30
Ser	152	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	.	0.19	0.46	*	.	.	0.20
Phe	153	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	.	0.10	-0.03	*	.	.	1.80
Lys	154	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	-0.20	-0.33	*	.	F	2.60
Arg	155	.	.	.	.	T	C	.	.	-0.20	-0.51	.	.	F	3.00
Gly	156	.	.	.	.	T	C	.	.	0.61	-0.21	.	.	F	2.25
Ser	157	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	.	0.91	-1.00	*	.	F	2.05
Ala	158	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.66	-1.00	*	.	F	1.35
Leu	159	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.61	-1.00	.	.	F	1.20
Glu	160	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.50	-1.43	.	.	F	0.90
Glu	161	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.89	-1.41	.	.	F	0.90
Lys	162	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.30	-1.91	*	.	F	0.90
Glu	163	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.08	-1.91	.	.	F	0.90
Asn	164	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.03	-1.23	*	.	F	0.90
Lys	165	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.08	-0.59	*	.	F	0.75
Ile	166	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.08	-0.59	*	*	.	0.60
Leu	167	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.72	-0.59	*	*	.	0.76
Val	168	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.38	-0.50	.	*	.	0.92
Lys	169	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.13	-0.07	*	*	F	0.93
Glu	170	A	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	-0.61	0.00	*	*	F	1.64
Thr	171	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	-0.42	0.10	.	*	F	1.60
Gly	172	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	-0.50	0.24	.	.	F	1.29
Tyr	173	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	0.11	0.93	*	.	.	0.68
Phe	174	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	.	-0.28	1.69	.	.	.	-0.28
Phe	175	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	.	-0.28	1.63	.	*	.	-0.44
Ile	176	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	.	-0.82	1.60	.	.	.	-0.60
Tyr	177	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	.	-1.29	1.49	.	.	.	-0.60
Gly	178	.	.	B	T	.	.	.	.	-1.29	1.39	.	.	.	-0.20
Glu	179	.	.	B	T	.	.	.	.	-0.90	1.36	.	.	.	-0.20
Val	180	.	.	.	B	.	.	C	.	-0.20	1.16	.	.	.	-0.40
Leu	181	.	.	.	B	.	.	C	.	0.73	0.40	.	.	.	-0.10
Tyr	182	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	0.67	-0.03	.	.	.	1.25
Thr	183	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	0.77	0.06	.	.	F	0.80
Asp	184	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	.	0.18	0.17	.	.	F	0.80
Lys	185	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.43	-0.01	.	.	F	1.00
Thr	186	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.90	-0.16	.	.	F	0.60
Tyr	187	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.11	-0.21	.	.	.	0.45
Ala	188	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.61	0.29	.	.	.	-0.30
Met	189	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.28	0.97	.	.	.	-0.60

TABLE 10-continued

Res	Position	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV
Gly	190	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	-0.32	1.17	*	.	.	-0.60	0.18
His	191	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	0.10	0.81	*	.	.	-0.60	0.31
Leu	192	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	0.39	0.31	*	.	.	-0.30	0.61
Ile	193	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	1.02	-0.30	*	.	.	0.45	1.22
Gln	194	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	0.77	-0.73	*	.	.	0.75	1.80
Arg	195	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	1.08	-0.59	*	*	F	0.90	1.62
Lys	196	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	0.26	-0.77	*	*	F	0.90	3.14
Lys	197	A	A	.	B	.	.	.	0.37	-0.81	*	*	F	0.90	1.35
Val	198	.	A	B	B	.	.	.	0.91	-0.43	*	*	.	0.30	0.60
His	199	.	A	B	B	.	.	.	0.91	0.00	*	*	.	0.30	0.29
Val	200	.	A	B	B	.	.	.	0.80	0.00	*	*	.	0.30	0.25
Phe	201	.	.	B	B	.	.	.	-0.06	0.00	*	.	.	0.30	0.57
Gly	202	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.40	0.04	*	.	.	-0.30	0.35
Asp	203	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.36	-0.07	*	.	.	0.50	0.63
Gln	204	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1.18	-0.03	*	.	.	0.50	0.60
Leu	205	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.63	-0.17	*	.	.	0.30	0.45
Ser	206	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.74	-0.11	*	.	.	0.30	0.39
Leu	207	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-1.10	0.57	*	.	.	-0.60	0.18
Val	208	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.99	1.36	*	.	.	-0.60	0.19
Thr	209	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-1.66	0.67	*	*	.	-0.60	0.28
Leu	210	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-1.73	0.86	*	*	.	-0.60	0.18
Phe	211	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-1.43	0.86	*	*	.	-0.60	0.17
Arg	212	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.62	0.61	*	*	.	-0.60	0.21
Cys	213	.	.	.	B	T	.	.	-0.37	0.53	*	.	.	-0.20	0.41
Ile	214	.	.	.	B	T	.	.	-0.27	0.46	*	.	.	-0.20	0.46
Gln	215	.	.	.	B	T	.	.	0.54	0.10	*	.	.	0.10	0.37
Asn	216	.	.	.	B	.	C	.	0.93	0.10	*	.	.	0.05	1.19
Met	217	.	.	.	B	.	C	.	0.01	0.01	*	.	F	0.20	2.44
Pro	218	.	.	.	B	.	C	.	0.47	0.01	*	.	F	0.44	1.16
Glu	219	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	1.36	0.04	*	.	F	1.08	1.12
Thr	220	.	.	.	.	.	C	.	1.36	0.04	*	.	F	1.12	1.82
Leu	221	.	.	.	.	.	C	.	1.06	-0.17	*	.	F	1.96	1.89
Pro	222	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.99	-0.21	*	.	F	2.40	1.46
Asn	223	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.96	0.36	*	.	F	1.41	0.54
Asn	224	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	0.66	0.63	*	.	F	1.22	1.03
Ser	225	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	0.38	0.33	*	.	F	1.13	0.89
Cys	226	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	0.84	0.40	*	.	.	0.74	0.56
Tyr	227	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	0.17	0.43	*	.	.	0.20	0.35
Ser	228	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.42	0.71	*	.	.	-0.40	0.18
Ala	229	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	-0.38	0.83	*	.	.	-0.60	0.34
Gly	230	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.89	0.26	*	.	.	-0.30	0.43
Ile	231	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.22	0.19	*	.	.	-0.30	0.27
Ala	232	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.02	-0.20	*	.	.	0.30	0.46
Lys	233	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.02	-0.70	*	.	.	0.60	0.80
Leu	234	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.57	-0.70	*	.	F	0.90	1.13
Glu	235	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.91	-1.39	*	.	F	0.90	1.87
Glu	236	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.99	-1.89	*	.	F	0.90	1.62
Gly	237	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	1.58	-1.20	*	.	F	0.90	1.62
Asp	238	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.72	-1.49	*	.	F	0.90	1.62
Glu	239	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.94	-0.80	*	*	F	0.75	0.77
Leu	240	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.06	-0.30	*	*	.	0.30	0.79
Gln	241	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.16	-0.04	*	.	.	0.30	0.33
Leu	242	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.30	0.39	*	.	.	-0.30	0.30
Ala	243	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.30	0.39	*	.	.	-0.30	0.70
Ile	244	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	0.30	-0.30	*	.	.	0.30	0.70
Pro	245	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.52	-0.30	*	F	1.00	1.37	
Arg	246	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.52	-0.49	*	F	1.00	1.37	
Glu	247	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.44	-0.59	*	F	1.30	3.38	
Asn	248	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	0.73	-0.59	*	F	1.30	1.53	
Ala	249	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.81	-0.63	*	.	.	0.95	1.05
Gln	250	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.02	0.06	*	.	.	-0.10	0.50
Ile	251	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.57	0.06	*	*	.	0.15	0.52
Ser	252	.	.	.	.	.	C	.	0.57	0.09	*	.	.	0.60	0.51
Leu	253	.	.	.	.	.	C	.	-0.29	-0.41	*	F	1.60	0.49	
Asp	254	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	-0.01	-0.17	*	F	2.25	0.52	
Gly	255	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	-0.71	-0.37	*	F	2.50	0.56	
Asp	256	.	.	.	.	T	T	.	-0.52	0.03	*	F	1.65	0.59	
Val	257	A	.	.	.	T	.	.	-0.57	0.13	*	F	1.00	0.30	
Thr	258	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.34	0.56	*	.	.	-0.10	0.30
Phe	259	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-1.16	0.63	*	.	.	-0.35	0.18
Phe	260	A	.	.	B	.	.	.	-0.77	1.31	*	.	.	-0.60	0.20
Gly	261	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.58	0.67	*	.	.	-0.60	0.28
Ala	262	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.53	0.87	*	.	.	-0.60	0.27
Leu	263	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.61	0.77	*	.	.	-0.60	0.26
Lys	264	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.30	0.41	*	.	.	-0.60	0.33

TABLE 10-continued

Res	Position	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV
Leu	265	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-0.99	0.41	.	.	.	-0.60	0.42
Leu	266	A	A	.	.	.	.	.	-1.03	0.34	*	.	.	-0.30	0.65

In another embodiment, the invention provides antibodies that bind a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an epitope-bearing portion of a polypeptide of the invention. The epitope of this polypeptide portion may be an immunogenic or antigenic epitope of a polypeptide of the invention. An "immunogenic epitope" is defined as a part of a protein that elicits an antibody response when the whole protein is the immunogen. On the other hand, a region of a protein molecule to which an antibody can bind is defined as an "antigenic epitope." The number of immunogenic epitopes of a protein generally is less than the number of antigenic epitopes. See, for instance, Geysen et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 81:3998-4002 (1983).

As to the selection of polypeptides bearing an antigenic epitope (i.e., that contain a region of a protein molecule to which an antibody can bind), it is well known in that art that relatively short synthetic peptides that mimic part of a protein sequence are routinely capable of eliciting an antiserum that reacts with the partially mimicked protein. See, for instance, Sutcliffe, J. G., Shinnick, T. M., Green, N. and Learner, R. A. (1983) "Antibodies that react with predetermined sites on proteins", *Science*, 219:660-666. Peptides capable of eliciting protein-reactive sera are frequently represented in the primary sequence of a protein, can be characterized by a set of simple chemical rules, and are confined neither to immunodominant regions of intact proteins (i.e., immunogenic epitopes) nor to the amino or carboxyl terminals. Antigenic epitope-bearing peptides and polypeptides of the invention are therefore useful to raise antibodies, including monoclonal antibodies, that bind specifically to a polypeptide of the invention. See, for instance, Wilson et al., *Cell* 37:767-778 (1984) at 777.

In specific embodiments, antibodies of the present invention bind antigenic epitope-bearing peptides and polypeptides of B Lymphocyte Stimulator and preferably contain a sequence of at least 4, at least 5, at least 6, at least 7, more preferably at least 8, at least 9, at least 10, at least 11, at least 12, at least 13, at least 14, at least 15, at least 20, at least 25, at least 30, at least 40, at least 50, and, most preferably, between about 15 to about 30 amino acids contained within the amino acid sequence of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide. Preferred polypeptides comprising immunogenic or antigenic epitopes are at least 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, or 100 amino acid residues in length. Additional non-exclusive preferred antigenic epitopes include the antigenic epitopes disclosed herein, as well as portions thereof.

Non-limiting examples of antigenic polypeptides or peptides that can be used to generate B Lymphocyte Stimulator-specific antibodies and which may be bound by the antibodies of the invention include: a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues from about Phe-115 to about Leu-147 in SEQ ID NO:3228; a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues from about Ile-150 to about Tyr-163 in SEQ ID NO:3228; a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues from about Ser-171 to about Phe-194 in SEQ ID NO:3228; a polypeptide

comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues from about Glu-223 to about Tyr-246 in SEQ ID NO:3228; and a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues from about Ser-271 to about Phe-278 in FIGS. 1A and 1B (SEQ ID NO:3228). In this context, "about" means the particularly recited ranges and ranges larger or smaller by several, a few, 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 amino acid residues at either or both the amino- and carboxy-termini. These polypeptide fragments have been determined to bear antigenic epitopes of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide by the analysis of the Jameson-Wolf antigenic index, as disclosed Table 9, above.

Non-limiting examples of antigenic polypeptides or peptides that can be used to generate B Lymphocyte Stimulator-specific antibodies and which may be bound by the antibodies of the invention include: a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues from about Pro-32 to about Leu-47 in SEQ ID NO:3229; a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues from about Glu-116 to about Ser-143 in SEQ ID NO:3229; a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues from about Phe-153 to about Tyr-173 in SEQ ID NO:3229; a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues from about Pro-218 to about Tyr-227 in SEQ ID NO:3229; a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues from about Ala-232 to about Gln-241 in SEQ ID NO:3229; a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues from about Ile-244 to about Ala-249 in SEQ ID NO:3229; and a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues from about Ser-252 to about Val-257 in SEQ ID NO:3229. In this context, "about" means the particularly recited ranges and ranges larger or smaller by several, a few, 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 amino acid residues at either or both the amino- and carboxy-termini. These polypeptide fragments have been determined to bear antigenic epitopes of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide by the analysis of the Jameson-Wolf antigenic index, as disclosed in Table 10 generated by the Protean component of the DNA*STAR computer program (as set forth above).

B Lymphocyte Stimulator epitope-bearing peptides and polypeptides may be produced by any conventional means. See, e.g., Houghten, R. A. (1985) General method for the rapid solid-phase synthesis of large numbers of peptides: specificity of antigen-antibody interaction at the level of individual amino acids. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 82:5131-5135; this "Simultaneous Multiple Peptide Synthesis (SMPS)" process is further described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,631,211 to Houghten et al. (1986).

The present invention encompasses antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an epitope of the polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3228, or an epitope of the polypeptide sequence encoded by a polynucleotide sequence contained in ATCC™ deposit No. 97768, or encoded by a polynucleotide that

hybridizes to cDNA sequence contained in ATCC™ deposit No. 97768 (e.g., under hybridization conditions described herein).

The present invention also encompasses antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an epitope of the polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3229, or an epitope of the polypeptide sequence encoded by a polynucleotide sequence contained in ATCC™ deposit No. 203518, or encoded by a polynucleotide that hybridizes to the cDNA sequence contained in ATCC™ deposit No. 203518 (e.g., under hybridization conditions described herein).

The term "epitopes," as used herein, refers to portions of a polypeptide having antigenic or immunogenic activity in an animal, preferably a mammal, and most preferably in a human. In a preferred embodiment, the present invention encompasses antibodies that bind a polypeptide comprising an epitope. An "immunogenic epitope," as used herein, is defined as a portion of a protein that elicits an antibody response in an animal, as determined by any method known in the art, for example, by the methods for generating antibodies described infra. (See, for example, Geysen et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 81:3998-4002 (1983)). The term "antigenic epitope," as used herein, is defined as a portion of a protein to which an antibody can immunospecifically bind its antigen as determined by any method well known in the art, for example, by the immunoassays described herein. Immunospecific binding excludes non-specific binding but does not necessarily exclude cross-reactivity with other antigens. Antigenic epitopes need not necessarily be immunogenic.

B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide fragments which function as epitopes may be produced by any conventional means. (See, e.g., Houghten, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 82:5131-5135 (1985), further described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,631,211).

In the present invention, antibodies of the present invention bind antigenic epitopes preferably containing a sequence of at least 4, at least 5, at least 6, at least 7, more preferably at least 8, at least 9, at least 10, at least 11, at least 12, at least 13, at least 14, at least 15, at least 20, at least 25, at least 30, at least 40, at least 50, and, most preferably, between about 15 to about 30 amino acids. Preferred polypeptides comprising immunogenic or antigenic epitopes that may be bound by antibodies of the present invention are at least 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, or 100 amino acid residues in length. Additional non-exclusive preferred antigenic epitopes include the antigenic epitopes disclosed herein, as well as portions thereof. Antigenic epitopes are useful, for example, to raise antibodies, including monoclonal antibodies, that specifically bind the epitope. Preferred antigenic epitopes include the antigenic epitopes disclosed herein, as well as any combination of two, three, four, five or more of these antigenic epitopes. Antigenic epitopes can be used as the target molecules in immunoassays. (See, for instance, Wilson et al., *Cell* 37:767-778 (1984); Sutcliffe et al., *Science* 219:660-666 (1983)).

Similarly, immunogenic epitopes can be used, for example, to induce antibodies according to methods well known in the art. (See, for instance, Sutcliffe et al., supra; Wilson et al., supra; Chow et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 82:910-914; and Bittle et al., *J. Gen. Virol.* 66:2347-2354 (1985)). Preferred immunogenic epitopes include the immunogenic epitopes disclosed herein, as well as any combination of two, three, four, five or more of these immunogenic epitopes. The polypeptides comprising one or more immu-

nogenic epitopes of B Lymphocyte Stimulator may be presented for eliciting an antibody response together with a carrier protein, such as an albumin, to an animal system (such as rabbit or mouse), or, if the polypeptide is of sufficient length (at least about 25 amino acids), the polypeptide may be presented without a carrier. However, immunogenic epitopes comprising as few as 8 to 10 amino acids have been shown to be sufficient to raise antibodies capable of binding to, at the very least, linear epitopes in a denatured polypeptide (e.g., in Western blotting).

Epitope-bearing B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides may be used to induce antibodies according to methods well known in the art including, but not limited to, in vivo immunization, in vitro immunization, and phage display methods. See, e.g., Sutcliffe et al., supra; Wilson et al., supra, and Bittle et al., *J. Gen. Virol.* 66:2347-2354 (1985). If in vivo immunization is used, animals may be immunized with free peptide; however, anti-peptide antibody titer may be boosted by coupling the peptide to a macromolecular carrier, such as keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH) or tetanus toxoid. For instance, peptides containing cysteine residues may be coupled to a carrier using a linker such as maleimido-benzoyl-N-hydroxysuccinimide ester (MBS), while other peptides may be coupled to carriers using a more general linking agent such as glutaraldehyde. Animals such as rabbits, rats and mice are immunized with either free or carrier-coupled peptides, for instance, by intraperitoneal and/or intradermal injection of emulsions containing about 100 micrograms of peptide or carrier protein and Freund's adjuvant or any other adjuvant known for stimulating an immune response. Several booster injections may be needed, for instance, at intervals of about two weeks, to provide a useful titer of anti-peptide antibody which can be detected, for example, by ELISA assay using free peptide adsorbed to a solid surface. The titer of anti-peptide antibodies in serum from an immunized animal may be increased by selection of anti-peptide antibodies, for instance, by adsorption to the peptide on a solid support and elution of the selected antibodies according to methods well known in the art.

As one of skill in the art will appreciate, and as discussed above, the antibodies of the present invention may bind polypeptides comprising an immunogenic or antigenic epitope fused to other polypeptide sequences. For example, the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides may be fused with the constant domain of immunoglobulins (IgA, IgE, IgG, IgM), or portions thereof (CH1, CH2, CH3, or any combination thereof and portions thereof), or albumin (including but not limited to recombinant human albumin or fragments or variants thereof (see, e.g., U.S. Pat. No. 5,876,969, issued Mar. 2, 1999, EP Patent 0 413 622, and U.S. Pat. No. 5,766,883, issued Jun. 16, 1998, herein incorporated by reference in their entirety)), resulting in chimeric polypeptides. Such fusion proteins may facilitate purification and may increase half-life in vivo. This has been shown for chimeric proteins consisting of the first two domains of the human CD4-polypeptide and various domains of the constant regions of the heavy or light chains of mammalian immunoglobulins. See, e.g., EP 394,827; Trautnecker et al., *Nature*, 331:84-86 (1988). Enhanced delivery of an antigen across the epithelial barrier to the immune system has been demonstrated for antigens (e.g., insulin) conjugated to an FcRn binding partner such as IgG or Fc fragments (see, e.g., PCT Publications WO 96/22024 and WO 99/04813). IgG Fusion proteins that have a disulfide-linked dimeric structure due to the IgG portion disulfide bonds have also been found to be more efficient in binding and neutralizing other molecules than monomeric polypeptides or fragments thereof

alone. See, e.g., Fountoulakis et al., *J. Biochem.*, 270: 3958-3964 (1995). Nucleic acids encoding the above epitopes can also be recombined with a gene of interest as an epitope tag (e.g., the hemagglutinin ("HA") tag or flag tag) to aid in detection and purification of the expressed polypeptide. For example, a system described by Janknecht et al. allows for the ready purification of non-denatured fusion proteins expressed in human cell lines (Janknecht et al., 1991, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 88:8972-897). In this system, the gene of interest is subcloned into a vaccinia recombination plasmid such that the open reading frame of the gene is translationally fused to an amino-terminal tag consisting of six histidine residues. The tag serves as a matrix-binding domain for the fusion protein. Extracts from cells infected with the recombinant vaccinia virus are loaded onto Ni^{2+} nitrilotriacetic acid-agarose column and histidine-tagged proteins can be selectively eluted with imidazole-containing buffers.

In another embodiment, the antibodies of the present invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides and/or the epitope-bearing fragments thereof that are fused with a heterologous antigen (e.g., polypeptide, carbohydrate, phospholipid, or nucleic acid). In specific embodiments, the heterologous antigen is an immunogen.

In a more specific embodiment, the heterologous antigen is the gp120 protein of HIV, or a fragment thereof.

In another embodiment, antibodies of the present invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides and/or the epitope-bearing fragments thereof that are fused with polypeptide sequences of another TNF ligand family member (or biologically active fragments or variants thereof). In a specific embodiment, the antibodies of the present invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides of the present invention are fused with a CD40L polypeptide sequence. In a preferred embodiment, the CD40L polypeptide sequence is soluble.

In another embodiment, antibodies of the present invention bind mutant B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides that have been generated by random mutagenesis of a polynucleotide encoding the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, by error-prone PCR, random nucleotide insertion or other methods prior to recombination. In another embodiment, antibodies of the present invention bind one or more components, motifs, sections, parts, domains, fragments, etc., of B Lymphocyte Stimulator recombined with one or more components, motifs, sections, parts, domains, fragments, etc. of one or more heterologous molecules. In preferred embodiments, the heterologous molecules are, for example, TNF-alpha, lymphotxin-alpha (LT-alpha, also known as TNF-beta), LT-beta (found in complex heterotrimer LT-alpha2-beta), OPGL, FasL, CD27L, CD30L, CD40L, 4-1BBL, DcR3, OX40L, TNF-gamma (International Publication No. WO 96/14328), AIM-1 (International Publication No. WO 97/33899), AIM-II (International Publication No. WO 97/34911), APRIL (J. Exp. Med. 188(6): 1185-1190), endokine-alpha (International Publication No. WO 98/07880), OPG, OX40, and nerve growth factor (NGF), and soluble forms of Fas, CD30, CD27, CD40 and 4-1BB, TR2 (International Publication No. WO 96/34095), DR3 (International Publication No. WO 97/33904), DR4 (International Publication No. WO 98/32856), TR5 (International Publication No. WO 98/30694), TR7 (International Publication No. WO 98/41629), TRANK, TR9 (International Publication No. WO 98/56892), TR10 (International Publication No. WO 98/54202), 312C2 (International Publication

No. WO 98/06842), TR12, CAD, and v-FLIP. In further embodiments, the heterologous molecules are any member of the TNF family.

In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the present invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides of the invention (including biologically active fragments or variants thereof), that are fused with soluble APRIL polypeptides (e.g., amino acid residues 105 through 250 of SEQ ID NO:3239), or biologically active fragments or variants thereof.

To improve or alter the characteristics of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides, protein engineering may be employed. Recombinant DNA technology known to those skilled in the art can be used to create novel mutant proteins or "mutins including single or multiple amino acid substitutions, deletions, additions or fusion proteins. Such modified polypeptides can show, e.g., enhanced activity or increased stability. In addition, they may be purified in higher yields and show better solubility than the corresponding natural polypeptide, at least under certain purification and storage conditions. For instance, for many proteins, including the extracellular domain or the mature form(s) of a secreted protein, it is known in the art that one or more amino acids may be deleted from the N-terminus or C-terminus without substantial loss of biological function. For instance, Ron et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, 268:2984-2988 (1993) reported modified KGF proteins that had heparin binding activity even if 3, 8, or 27 amino-terminal amino acid residues were missing. Accordingly, antibodies of the present invention may bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide mutants or variants generated by protein engineering.

In the present case, since the protein of the invention is a member of the TNF polypeptide family, deletions of N-terminal amino acids up to the Gly (G) residue at position 191 in SEQ ID NO:3228 may retain some biological activity such as, for example, the ability to stimulate lymphocyte (e.g., B cell) proliferation, differentiation, and/or activation, and cytotoxicity to appropriate target cells. Polypeptides having further N-terminal deletions including the Gly (G) residue would not be expected to retain biological activities because it is known that this residue in TNF-related polypeptides is in the beginning of the conserved domain required for biological activities. However, even if deletion of one or more amino acids from the N-terminus of a protein results in modification or loss of one or more biological functions of the protein, other functional activities may still be retained. Thus, the ability of the shortened protein to induce and/or bind to antibodies which recognize the complete or extracellular domain of the protein generally will be retained when less than the majority of the residues of the complete or extracellular domain of the protein are removed from the N-terminus. Whether a particular polypeptide lacking N-terminal residues of a complete protein retains such immunologic activities can readily be determined by routine methods described herein and otherwise known in the art.

Accordingly, the present invention further provides antibodies that bind polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the amino terminus of the amino acid sequence of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator of SEQ ID NO:3228, up to the glycine residue at position 191 (Gly-191 residue from the amino terminus). In particular, the present invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, the amino acid sequence of residues 1-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228, where n is an integer in the range of the amino acid position of amino acid residues 2-190 of the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID

NO:3228. More in particular, the invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of residues 2-285, 3-285, 4-285, 5-285, 6-285, 7-285, 8-285, 9-285, 10-285, 11-285, 12-285, 13-285, 14-285, 15-285, 16-285, 17-285, 18-285, 19-285, 20-285, 21-285, 22-285, 23-285, 24-285, 25-285, 26-285, 27-285, 28-285, 29-285, 30-285, 31-285, 32-285, 33-285, 34-285, 35-285, 36-285, 37-285, 38-285, 39-285, 40-285, 41-285, 42-285, 43-285, 44-285, 45-285, 46-285, 47-285, 48-285, 49-285, 50-285, 51-285, 52-285, 53-285, 54-285, 55-285, 56-285, 57-285, 58-285, 59-285, 60-285, 61-285, 62-285, 63-285, 64-285, 65-285, 66-285, 67-285, 68-285, 69-285, 70-285, 71-285, 72-285, 73-285, 74-285, 75-285, 76-285, 77-285, 78-285, 79-285, 80-285, 81-285, 82-285, 83-285, 84-285, 85-285, 86-285, 87-285, 88-285, 89-285, 90-285, 91-285, 92-285, 93-285, 94-285, 95-285, 96-285, 97-285, 98-285, 99-285, 100-285, 101-285, 102-285, 103-285, 104-285, 105-285, 106-285, 107-285, 108-285, 109-285, 110-285, 111-285, 112-285, 113-285, 114-285, 115-285, 116-285, 117-285, 118-285, 119-285, 120-285, 121-285, 122-285, 123-285, 124-285, 125-285, 126-285, 127-285, 128-285, 129-285, 130-285, 131-285, 132-285, 133-285, 134-285, 135-285, 136-285, 137-285, 138-285, 139-285, 140-285, 141-285, 142-285, 143-285, 144-285, 145-285, 146-285, 147-285, 148-285, 149-285, 150-285, 151-285, 152-285, 153-285, 154-285, 155-285, 156-285, 157-285, 158-285, 159-285, 160-285, 161-285, 162-285, 163-285, 164-285, 165-285, 166-285, 167-285, 168-285, 169-285, 170-285, 171-285, 172-285, 173-285, 174-285, 175-285, 176-285, 177-285, 178-285, 179-285, 180-285, 181-285, 182-285, 183-285, 184-285, 185-285, 186-285, 187-285, 188-285, 189-285, and 190-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228. The present invention is also directed to antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively, consisting of, a contiguous sequence of amino acid residues at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 92%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides described above.

Furthermore, since the predicted extracellular domain of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides of the invention may itself elicit biological activity, deletions of N- and C-terminal amino acid residues from the predicted extracellular region of the polypeptide (spanning positions Gln-73 to Leu-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228) may retain some stimulatory activity such as, for example, ligand binding, stimulation of lymphocyte (e.g., B cell) proliferation, differentiation, and/or activation, and modulation of cell replication or modulation of target cell activities. However, even if deletion of one or more amino acids from the N-terminus of the predicted extracellular domain of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide results in modification or loss of one or more biological functions of the polypeptide, other functional activities may still be retained. Thus, the ability of the shortened polypeptides to induce and/or bind to antibodies which recognize the complete or mature or extracellular domains of the polypeptides generally will be retained when less than the majority of the residues of the complete or mature or extracellular domains of the polypeptides are removed from the N-terminus. Whether a particular polypeptide lacking N-terminal residues of a complete polypeptide retains such immunologic activities can readily be determined by routine methods described herein and otherwise known in the art.

Accordingly, the present invention further provides antibodies that bind polypeptides having one or more residues

deleted from the amino terminus of the amino acid sequence of B Lymphocyte Stimulator shown in SEQ ID NO:3228, up to the glycine residue at position number 280. In particular, the present invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, the amino acid sequence of residues n^o-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228, where n^o is an integer in the range of the amino acid position of amino acid residues 73-280 in SEQ ID NO:3228, and 73 is the position of the first residue in the N-terminus of the predicted extracellular domain of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide (disclosed in SEQ ID NO:3228). More in particular, in certain embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of residues of Q-73 to L-285; G-74 to L-285; D-75 to L-285; L-76 to L-285; A-77 to L-285; S-78 to L-285; L-79 to L-285; R-80 to L-285; A-81 to L-285; E-82 to L-285; L-83 to L-285; Q-84 to L-285; G-85 to L-285; H-86 to L-285; H-87 to L-285; A-88 to L-285; E-89 to L-285; K-90 to L-285; L-91 to L-285; P-92 to L-285; A-93 to L-285; G-94 to L-285; A-95 to L-285; G-96 to L-285; A-97 to L-285; P-98 to L-285; K-99 to L-285; A-100 to L-285; G-101 to L-285; L-102 to L-285; E-103 to L-285; E-104 to L-285; A-105 to L-285; P-106 to L-285; A-107 to L-285; V-108 to L-285; T-109 to L-285; A-110 to L-285; G-111 to L-285; L-112 to L-285; K-113 to L-285; I-114 to L-285; F-115 to L-285; E-116 to L-285; P-117 to L-285; P-118 to L-285; A-119 to L-285; P-120 to L-285; G-121 to L-285; E-122 to L-285; G-123 to L-285; N-124 to L-285; S-125 to L-285; S-126 to L-285; Q-127 to L-285; N-128 to L-285; S-129 to L-285; R-130 to L-285; N-131 to L-285; K-132 to L-285; R-133 to L-285; A-134 to L-285; V-135 to L-285; Q-136 to L-285; G-137 to L-285; P-138 to L-285; E-139 to L-285; E-140 to L-285; T-141 to L-285; V-142 to L-285; T-143 to L-285; Q-144 to L-285; D-145 to L-285; C-146 to L-285; L-147 to L-285; Q-148 to L-285; L-149 to L-285; I-150 to L-285; A-151 to L-285; D-152 to L-285; S-153 to L-285; E-154 to L-285; T-155 to L-285; P-156 to L-285; T-157 to L-285; I-158 to L-285; Q-159 to L-285; K-160 to L-285; G-161 to L-285; S-162 to L-285; Y-163 to L-285; T-164 to L-285; F-165 to L-285; V-166 to L-285; P-167 to L-285; W-168 to L-285; L-169 to L-285; L-170 to L-285; S-171 to L-285; F-172 to L-285; K-173 to L-285; R-174 to L-285; G-175 to L-285; S-176 to L-285; A-177 to L-285; L-178 to L-285; E-179 to L-285; E-180 to L-285; K-181 to L-285; E-182 to L-285; N-183 to L-285; K-184 to L-285; I-185 to L-285; L-186 to L-285; V-187 to L-285; K-188 to L-285; E-189 to L-285; T-190 to L-285; G-191 to L-285; Y-192 to L-285; F-193 to L-285; L-194 to L-285; I-195 to L-285; Y-196 to L-285; G-197 to L-285; Q-198 to L-285; V-199 to L-285; L-200 to L-285; Y-201 to L-285; T-202 to L-285; D-203 to L-285; K-204 to L-285; T-205 to L-285; Y-206 to L-285; A-207 to L-285; M-208 to L-285; G-209 to L-285; H-210 to L-285; L-211 to L-285; I-212 to L-285; Q-213 to L-285; R-214 to L-285; K-215 to L-285; K-216 to L-285; V-217 to L-285; H-218 to L-285; V-219 to L-285; F-220 to L-285; G-221 to L-285; D-222 to L-285; E-223 to L-285; L-224 to L-285; S-225 to L-285; L-226 to L-285; V-227 to L-285; T-228 to L-285; L-229 to L-285; F-230 to L-285; R-231 to L-285; C-232 to L-285; I-233 to L-285; Q-234 to L-285; N-235 to L-285; M-236 to L-285; P-237 to L-285; E-238 to L-285; T-239 to L-285; L-240 to L-285; P-241 to L-285; N-242 to L-285; N-243 to L-285; S-244 to L-285; C-245 to L-285; Y-246 to L-285; S-247 to L-285; A-248 to L-285; G-249 to L-285; I-250 to L-285; A-251 to L-285; K-252 to L-285; L-253 to L-285; E-254 to L-285; E-255 to L-285; G-256 to L-285; D-257 to L-285;

E-258 to L-285; L-259 to L-285; Q-260 to L-285; L-261 to L-285; A-262 to L-285; I-263 to L-285; P-264 to L-285; R-265 to L-285; E-266 to L-285; N-267 to L-285; A-268 to L-285; Q-269 to L-285; I-270 to L-285; S-271 to L-285; L-272 to L-285; D-273 to L-285; G-274 to L-285; D-275 to L-285; V-276 to L-285; T-277 to L-285; F-278 to L-285; F-279 to L-285; and G-280 to L-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228. The present invention is also directed to antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively, consisting of, a contiguous sequence of amino acid residues at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 92%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides described above.

Highly preferred embodiments of the invention are directed to antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence least 80%, 85%, 90% identical and more preferably at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% or 100% identical to B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide having the amino acid sequence at positions 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228.

Preferred embodiments of the invention are directed to antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide having the amino acid sequence at positions 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228. More preferred embodiments of the invention are directed to antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide having the amino acid sequence at positions 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228. More preferred embodiments of the invention are directed to antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least 96% identical to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide having the amino acid sequence at positions 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228.

Additionally, more preferred embodiments of the invention are directed to antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least 97% to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide having the amino acid sequence at positions 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228. Additionally, more preferred embodiments of the invention are directed to antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least 98% to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide having the amino acid sequence at positions 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228. Additionally, more preferred embodiments of the invention are directed to antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least 99% identical to B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide having the amino acid sequence at positions 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228.

In specific embodiments, antibodies of the present invention bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, one of the following N-terminally deleted polypeptide fragments of B Lymphocyte Stimulator: amino acid residues Ala-71 through Leu-285, amino acid residues Ala-81 through Leu-285, amino acid residues Leu-112 through Leu-285, amino acid residues Ala-134 through Leu-285, amino acid residues Leu-147 through Leu-285, and amino acid residues Gly-161 through Leu-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228.

Similarly, many examples of biologically functional C-terminal deletion polypeptides are known. For instance, Interferon gamma shows up to ten times higher activities by deleting 8-10 amino acid residues from the carboxy terminus of the protein (Döbeli et al., *J. Biotechnology* 7:199-216 (1988)). Since the present protein is a member of the TNF polypeptide family, deletions of C-terminal amino acids up to the leucine residue at position 284 are expected to retain most if not all biological activity such as, for example, ligand binding, the ability to stimulate lymphocyte (e.g., B cell) proliferation, differentiation, and/or activation, and modulation of cell replication. Polypeptides having deletions of up to about 10 additional C-terminal residues (i.e., up to the glycine residue at position 274) also may retain some activity such as receptor binding, although such polypeptides would lack a portion of the conserved TNF domain which extends to about Leu-284 of SEQ ID NO:3228. However, even if deletion of one or more amino acids from the C-terminus of a protein results in modification or loss of one or more biological functions of the protein, other functional activities may still be retained. Thus, the ability of the shortened protein to induce and/or bind to antibodies which recognize the complete or mature protein generally will be retained when less than the majority of the residues of the complete or mature protein are removed from the C-terminus. Whether a particular polypeptide lacking C-terminal residues of a complete protein retains such immunologic activities can readily be determined by routine methods described herein and otherwise known in the art.

Accordingly, the present invention further provides antibodies that bind polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the carboxy terminus of the amino acid sequence of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3228, up to the glycine residue at position 274 (Gly-274). In particular, the present invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, the amino acid sequence of residues 1-m of the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:3228, where m¹ is any integer in the range of the amino acid position of amino acid residues 274-284 in SEQ ID NO:3228. More in particular, the invention provides antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of residues 1-274, 1-275, 1-276, 1-277, 1-278, 1-279, 1-280, 1-281, 1-282, 1-283 and 1-284 of SEQ ID NO:3228. The present invention is also directed to antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively, consisting of, a contiguous sequence of amino acid residues at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 92%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides described above.

Also provided are antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides with one or more amino acids deleted from both the amino and the carboxyl termini, which may be described generally as having residues n¹-m¹ of SEQ ID NO:3228, where n¹ and m¹ are integers as defined above. Also included are antibodies that bind a polypeptide comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a portion of the complete B Lymphocyte Stimulator amino acid sequence encoded by the deposited cDNA clone contained in ATCC™ Accession No. 97768 where this portion excludes from 1 to 190 amino acids from the amino terminus or from 1 to 11 amino acids from the C-terminus of the complete amino acid sequence (or any combination of

these N-terminal and C-terminal deletions) encoded by the cDNA clone in the deposited plasmid.

Similarly, deletions of C-terminal amino acid residues of the predicted extracellular domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator up to the leucine residue at position 79 of SEQ ID NO:3228 may retain some biological activity, such as, for example, ligand binding, stimulation of lymphocyte (e.g., B cell) proliferation, differentiation, and/or activation, and modulation of cell replication or modulation of target cell activities. Polypeptides having further C-terminal deletions including Leu-79 of SEQ ID NO:3228 would not be expected to retain biological activities.

However, even if deletion of one or more amino acids from the C-terminus of a polypeptide results in modification or loss of one or more biological functions of the polypeptide, other functional activities may still be retained. Thus, the ability of the shortened polypeptide to induce and/or bind to antibodies which recognize the complete, mature or extracellular forms of the polypeptide generally will be retained when less than the majority of the residues of the complete, mature or extracellular forms of the polypeptide are removed from the C-terminus. Whether a particular polypeptide lacking C-terminal residues of the predicted extracellular domain retains such immunologic activities can readily be determined by routine methods described herein and otherwise known in the art.

Accordingly, the present invention further provides antibodies that bind polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the carboxy terminus of the amino acid sequence of the predicted extracellular domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide shown in SEQ ID NO:3228, up to the leucine residue at position 79 of SEQ ID NO:3228. In particular, the present invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, the amino acid sequence of residues 73- m^2 of the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:3228, where m^2 is any integer in the range of the amino acid position of amino acid residues 79 to 285 in the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:3228, and residue 78 is the position of the first residue at the C-terminus of the predicted extracellular domain of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide (disclosed in SEQ ID NO:3228). More in particular, in certain embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of residues Q-73 to Leu-285; Q-73 to L-284; Q-73 to K-283; Q-73 to L-282; Q-73 to A-281; Q-73 to G-280; Q-73 to F-279; Q-73 to F-278; Q-73 to T-277; Q-73 to V-276; Q-73 to D-275; Q-73 to G-274; Q-73 to D-273; Q-73 to L-272; Q-73 to S-271; Q-73 to L-270; Q-73 to Q-269; Q-73 to A-268; Q-73 to N-267; Q-73 to E-266; Q-73 to R-265; Q-73 to P-264; Q-73 to L-263; Q-73 to A-262; Q-73 to L-261; Q-73 to Q-260; Q-73 to L-259; Q-73 to E-258; Q-73 to D-257; Q-73 to G-256; Q-73 to E-255; Q-73 to E-254; Q-73 to L-253; Q-73 to K-252; Q-73 to A-251; Q-73 to L-250; Q-73 to G-249; Q-73 to A-248; Q-73 to S-247; Q-73 to Y-246; Q-73 to C-245; Q-73 to S-244; Q-73 to N-243; Q-73 to N-242; Q-73 to P-241; Q-73 to L-240; Q-73 to T-239; Q-73 to E-238; Q-73 to P-237; Q-73 to M-236; Q-73 to N-235; Q-73 to Q-234; Q-73 to L-233; Q-73 to C-232; Q-73 to R-231; Q-73 to F-230; Q-73 to L-229; Q-73 to L-228; Q-73 to V-227; Q-73 to L-226; Q-73 to S-225; Q-73 to L-224; Q-73 to E-223; Q-73 to D-222; Q-73 to G-221; Q-73 to F-220; Q-73 to V-219; Q-73 to H-218; Q-73 to V-217; Q-73 to K-216; Q-73 to K-215; Q-73 to R-214; Q-73 to Q-213; Q-73 to L-212; Q-73 to L-211; Q-73 to H-210; Q-73 to G-209; Q-73 to M-208; Q-73 to A-207; Q-73 to Y-206; Q-73 to

T-205; Q-73 to K-204; Q-73 to D-203; Q-73 to T-202; Q-73 to Y-201; Q-73 to L-200; Q-73 to V-199; Q-73 to Q-198; Q-73 to G-197; Q-73 to Y-196; Q-73 to L-195; Q-73 to F-194; Q-73 to F-193; Q-73 to Y-192; Q-73 to G-191; Q-73 to T-190; Q-73 to E-189; Q-73 to K-188; Q-73 to V-187; Q-73 to L-186; Q-73 to L-185; Q-73 to K-184; Q-73 to N-183; Q-73 to E-182; Q-73 to K-181; Q-73 to E-180; Q-73 to E-179; Q-73 to L-178; Q-73 to A-177; Q-73 to S-176; Q-73 to G-175; Q-73 to R-174; Q-73 to K-173; Q-73 to F-172; Q-73 to S-171; Q-73 to L-170; Q-73 to L-169; Q-73 to W-168; Q-73 to P-167; Q-73 to V-166; Q-73 to F-165; Q-73 to T-164; Q-73 to Y-163; Q-73 to S-162; Q-73 to G-161; Q-73 to K-160; Q-73 to Q-159; Q-73 to L-158; Q-73 to T-157; Q-73 to P-156; Q-73 to T-155; Q-73 to E-154; Q-73 to S-153; Q-73 to D-152; Q-73 to A-151; Q-73 to L-150; Q-73 to L-149; Q-73 to Q-148; Q-73 to L-147; Q-73 to C-146; Q-73 to D-145; Q-73 to Q-144; Q-73 to T-143; Q-73 to V-142; Q-73 to T-141; Q-73 to E-140; Q-73 to E-139; Q-73 to P-138; Q-73 to G-137; Q-73 to Q-136; Q-73 to V-135; Q-73 to A-134; Q-73 to R-133; Q-73 to K-132; Q-73 to N-131; Q-73 to R-130; Q-73 to S-129; Q-73 to N-128; Q-73 to Q-127; Q-73 to S-126; Q-73 to S-125; Q-73 to N-124; Q-73 to G-123; Q-73 to E-122; Q-73 to G-121; Q-73 to P-120; Q-73 to A-119; Q-73 to P-118; Q-73 to P-117; Q-73 to E-116; Q-73 to F-115; Q-73 to L-114; Q-73 to K-113; Q-73 to L-112; Q-73 to G-111; Q-73 to A-110; Q-73 to T-109; Q-73 to V-108; Q-73 to A-107; Q-73 to P-106; Q-73 to A-105; Q-73 to E-104; Q-73 to E-103; Q-73 to L-102; Q-73 to G-101; Q-73 to A-100; Q-73 to K-99; Q-73 to P-98; Q-73 to A-97; Q-73 to G-96; Q-73 to A-95; Q-73 to G-94; Q-73 to A-93; Q-73 to P-92; Q-73 to L-91; Q-73 to K-90; Q-73 to E-89; Q-73 to A-88; Q-73 to H-87; Q-73 to H-86; Q-73 to G-85; Q-73 to Q-84; Q-73 to L-83; Q-73 to E-82; Q-73 to A-81; Q-73 to R-80; and Q-73 to L-79 of SEQ ID NO:3228. The present invention is also directed to antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively, consisting of, a contiguous sequence of amino acid residues at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 92%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides described above.

The invention also provides antibodies that bind polypeptides having one or more amino acids deleted from both the amino and the carboxyl termini of the predicted extracellular domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, which may be described generally as having residues n^2 - m^2 of SEQ ID NO:3228 where n^2 and m^2 are integers as defined above.

In another embodiment, antibodies of the present invention bind polypeptides consisting of a portion of the extracellular domain of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA plasmid contained in the deposit having ATCC™ accession no. 97768, where this portion excludes from 1 to about 206 amino acids from the amino terminus of the extracellular domain of the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA plasmid contained in the deposit having ATCC™ accession no. 97768, or from 1 to about 206 amino acids from the carboxy terminus of the extracellular domain of the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA plasmid contained in the deposit having ATCC™ accession no. 97768, or any combination of the above amino terminal and carboxy terminal deletions, of the entire extracellular domain of the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA plasmid contained in the deposit having ATCC™ accession no. 97768.

As mentioned above, even if deletion of one or more amino acids from the N-terminus of a polypeptide results in modification or loss of one or more functional activities

(e.g., biological activity) of the polypeptide, other functions or biological activities may still be retained. Thus, the ability of a shortened B Lymphocyte Stimulator protein to induce and/or bind to antibodies which recognize the full-length or mature forms or the extracellular domain of the polypeptide generally will be retained when less than the majority of the residues of the full-length or mature or extracellular domain of the polypeptide are removed from the N-terminus. Whether a particular polypeptide lacking N-terminal residues of a complete polypeptide retains such immunologic activities can readily be determined by routine methods described herein and otherwise known in the art. It is not unlikely that a B Lymphocyte Stimulator protein with a large number of deleted N-terminal amino acid residues may retain some functional (e.g., biological or immunogenic) activities. In fact, peptides composed of as few as six B Lymphocyte Stimulator amino acid residues may often evoke an immune response.

Accordingly, the present invention further provides antibodies that bind polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the amino terminus of the predicted full-length amino acid sequence of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator shown in SEQ ID NO:3228, up to the glycine residue at position number 280 of the sequence shown SEQ ID NO:3228 and polynucleotides encoding such polypeptides. In particular, the present invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising the amino acid sequence of residues n¹-285 of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:3228, where n¹ is an integer in the range of the amino acid position of amino acid residues 1 to 280 of the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:3228.

More in particular, the invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of residues of D-2 to L-285; D-3 to L-285; S-4 to L-285; T-5 to L-285; E-6 to L-285; R-7 to L-285; E-8 to L-285; Q-9 to L-285; S-10 to L-285; R-11 to L-285; L-12 to L-285; T-13 to L-285; S-14 to L-285; C-15 to L-285; L-16 to L-285; K-17 to L-285; K-18 to L-285; R-19 to L-285; E-20 to L-285; E-21 to L-285; M-22 to L-285; K-23 to L-285; L-24 to L-285; K-25 to L-285; E-26 to L-285; C-27 to L-285; V-28 to L-285; S-29 to L-285; I-30 to L-285; L-31 to L-285; P-32 to L-285; R-33 to L-285; K-34 to L-285; E-35 to L-285; S-36 to L-285; P-37 to L-285; S-38 to L-285; V-39 to L-285; R-40 to L-285; S-41 to L-285; S-42 to L-285; K-43 to L-285; D-44 to L-285; G-45 to L-285; K-46 to L-285; L-47 to L-285; L-48 to L-285; A-49 to L-285; A-50 to L-285; T-51 to L-285; L-52 to L-285; L-53 to L-285; L-54 to L-285; A-55 to L-285; L-56 to L-285; L-57 to L-285; S-58 to L-285; C-59 to L-285; C-60 to L-285; L-61 to L-285; T-62 to L-285; V-63 to L-285; V-64 to L-285; S-65 to L-285; F-66 to L-285; Y-67 to L-285; Q-68 to L-285; V-69 to L-285; A-70 to L-285; A-71 to L-285; L-72 to L-285; Q-73 to L-285; G-74 to L-285; D-75 to L-285; L-76 to L-285; A-77 to L-285; S-78 to L-285; L-79 to L-285; R-80 to L-285; A-81 to L-285; E-82 to L-285; L-83 to L-285; Q-84 to L-285; G-85 to L-285; H-86 to L-285; H-87 to L-285; A-88 to L-285; E-89 to L-285; K-90 to L-285; L-91 to L-285; P-92 to L-285; A-93 to L-285; G-94 to L-285; A-95 to L-285; G-96 to L-285; A-97 to L-285; P-98 to L-285; K-99 to L-285; A-100 to L-285; G-101 to L-285; L-102 to L-285; E-103 to L-285; E-104 to L-285; A-105 to L-285; P-106 to L-285; A-107 to L-285; V-108 to L-285; T-109 to L-285; A-110 to L-285; G-111 to L-285; L-112 to L-285; K-113 to L-285; I-114 to L-285; P-115 to L-285; E-116 to L-285; P-117 to L-285; P-118 to L-285; A-119 to L-285; P-120 to L-285; G-121 to L-285; E-122 to L-285; G-123 to L-285;

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Also as mentioned above, even if deletion of one or more amino acids from the C-terminus of a protein results in modification or loss of one or more functional activities (e.g., biological activity) of the protein, other functional activities may still be retained. Thus, the ability of a shortened B Lymphocyte Stimulator protein to induce and/or bind to antibodies which recognize the complete or mature form or the extracellular domain of the polypeptide generally will be retained when less than the majority of the residues of the complete or mature form or the extracellular domain of the polypeptide are removed from the C-terminus. Whether a particular polypeptide lacking C-terminal residues of a complete polypeptide retains such immunologic activities can readily be determined by routine methods described herein and otherwise known in the art. It is not unlikely that a B

Lymphocyte Stimulator muetin with a large number of deleted C-terminal amino acid residues may retain some functional (e.g., biological or immunogenic) activities. In fact, peptides composed of as few as six B Lymphocyte Stimulator amino acid residues may often evoke an immune response.

Accordingly, the present invention further provides in another embodiment, antibodies that bind polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the carboxy terminus of the amino acid sequence of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator shown in SEQ ID NO:3228, up to the glutamic acid residue at position number 6, and polynucleotides encoding such polypeptides. In particular, the present invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising the amino acid sequence of residues 1-m³ of SEQ ID NO:3228, where m³ is an integer in the range of the amino acid position of amino acid residues 6-284 of the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:3228.

More in particular, the invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of residues M-1 to L-284; M-1 to K-283; M-1 to L-282; M-1 to A-281; M-1 to G-280; M-1 to F-279; M-1 to F-278; M-1 to T-277; M-1 to V-276; M-1 to D-275; M-1 to G-274; M-1 to D-273; M-1 to L-272; M-1 to S-271; M-1 to L-270; M-1 to Q-269; M-1 to A-268; M-1 to N-267; M-1 to E-266; M-1 to R-265; M-1 to P-264; M-1 to L-263; M-1 to A-262; M-1 to L-261; M-1 to Q-260; M-1 to L-259; M-1 to E-258; M-1 to D-257; M-1 to G-256; M-1 to E-255; M-1 to E-254; M-1 to L-253; M-1 to K-252; M-1 to A-251; M-1 to L-250; M-1 to G-249; M-1 to A-248; M-1 to S-247; M-1 to Y-246; M-1 to C-245; M-1 to S-244; M-1 to N-243; M-1 to N-242; M-1 to P-241; M-1 to L-240; M-1 to T-239; M-1 to E-238; M-1 to P-237; M-1 to M-236; M-1 to N-235; M-1 to Q-234; M-1 to L-233; M-1 to C-232; M-1 to R-231; M-1 to F-230; M-1 to L-229; M-1 to T-228; M-1 to V-227; M-1 to L-226; M-1 to S-225; M-1 to L-224; M-1 to E-223; M-1 to D-222; M-1 to G-221; M-1 to F-220; M-1 to V-219; M-1 to H-218; M-1 to V-217; M-1 to K-216; M-1 to K-215; M-1 to R-214; M-1 to Q-213; M-1 to I-212; M-1 to L-211; M-1 to H-210; M-1 to G-209; M-1 to M-208; M-1 to A-207; M-1 to Y-206; M-1 to T-205; M-1 to K-204; M-1 to D-203; M-1 to T-202; M-1 to Y-201; M-1 to L-200; M-1 to V-199; M-1 to Q-198; M-1 to G-197; M-1 to Y-196; M-1 to L-195; M-1 to F-194; M-1 to F-193; M-1 to Y-192; M-1 to G-191; M-1 to T-190; M-1 to E-189; M-1 to K-188; M-1 to V-187; M-1 to L-186; M-1 to I-185; M-1 to K-184; M-1 to N-183; M-1 to E-182; M-1 to K-181; M-1 to E-180; M-1 to E-179; M-1 to L-178; M-1 to A-177; M-1 to S-176; M-1 to G-175; M-1 to R-174; M-1 to K-173; M-1 to F-172; M-1 to S-171; M-1 to L-170; M-1 to L-169; M-1 to W-168; M-1 to P-167; M-1 to V-166; M-1 to F-165; M-1 to T-164; M-1 to Y-163; M-1 to S-162; M-1 to G-161; M-1 to K-160; M-1 to Q-159; M-1 to L-158; M-1 to T-157; M-1 to P-156; M-1 to T-155; M-1 to E-154; M-1 to S-153; M-1 to D-152; M-1 to A-151; M-1 to L-150; M-1 to L-149; M-1 to Q-148; M-1 to L-147; M-1 to C-146; M-1 to D-145; M-1 to Q-144; M-1 to T-143; M-1 to V-142; M-1 to T-141; M-1 to E-140; M-1 to E-139; M-1 to P-138; M-1 to G-137; M-1 to Q-136; M-1 to V-135; M-1 to A-134; M-1 to R-133; M-1 to K-132; M-1 to N-131; M-1 to R-130; M-1 to S-129; M-1 to N-128; M-1 to Q-127; M-1 to S-126; M-1 to S-125; M-1 to N-124; M-1 to G-123; M-1 to E-122; M-1 to G-121; M-1 to P-120; M-1 to A-119; M-1 to P-118; M-1 to P-117; M-1 to E-116; M-1 to F-115; M-1 to L-114; M-1 to K-113; M-1 to L-112; M-1 to G-111; M-1 to A-110; M-1 to T-109; M-1 to V-108; M-1 to A-107; M-1 to P-106; M-1 to A-105; M-1 to E-104; M-1 to E-103; M-1 to L-102; M-1

to G-101; M-1 to A-100; M-1 to K-99; M-1 to P-98; M-1 to A-97; M-1 to G-96; M-1 to A-95; M-1 to G-94; M-1 to A-93; M-1 to P-92; M-1 to L-91; M-1 to K-90; M-1 to E-89; M-1 to A-88; M-1 to H-87; M-1 to H-86; M-1 to G-85; M-1 to Q-84; M-1 to L-83; M-1 to E-82; M-1 to A-81; M-1 to R-80; M-1 to L-79; M-1 to S-78; M-1 to A-77; M-1 to L-76; M-1 to D-75; M-1 to G-74; M-1 to Q-73; M-1 to L-72; M-1 to A-71; M-1 to A-70; M-1 to V-69; M-1 to Q-68; M-1 to Y-67; M-1 to F-66; M-1 to S-65; M-1 to V-64; M-1 to V-63; M-1 to T-62; M-1 to L-61; M-1 to C-60; M-1 to C-59; M-1 to S-58; M-1 to L-57; M-1 to L-56; M-1 to A-55; M-1 to L-54; M-1 to L-53; M-1 to L-52; M-1 to T-51; M-1 to A-50; M-1 to A-49; M-1 to L-48; M-1 to L-47; M-1 to K-46; M-1 to G-45; M-1 to D-44; M-1 to K-43; M-1 to S-42; M-1 to S-41; M-1 to R-40; M-1 to V-39; M-1 to S-38; M-1 to P-37; M-1 to S-36; M-1 to E-35; M-1 to K-34; M-1 to R-33; M-1 to P-32; M-1 to L-31; M-1 to L-30; M-1 to S-29; M-1 to V-28; M-1 to C-27; M-1 to E-26; M-1 to K-25; M-1 to L-24; M-1 to K-23; M-1 to M-22; M-1 to E-21; M-1 to E-20; M-1 to R-19; M-1 to K-18; M-1 to K-17; M-1 to L-16; M-1 to C-15; M-1 to S-14; M-1 to T-13; M-1 to L-12; M-1 to R-11; M-1 to S-10; M-1 to Q-9; M-1 to E-8; M-1 to R-7; and M-1 to E-6 of SEQ ID NO:3228. The present invention is also directed to antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively, consisting of, a contiguous sequence of amino acid residues at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 92%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides described above.

The invention also provides antibodies that bind polypeptides having one or more amino acids deleted from both the amino and the carboxyl termini of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, which may be described generally as having residues n^m-m³ of SEQ ID NO:3228, where n^m and m³ are integers as defined above.

Furthermore, since the predicted extracellular domain of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3229 may itself elicit functional activity (e.g., biological activity), deletions of N- and C-terminal amino acid residues from the predicted extracellular region of the polypeptide at positions Gln-73 to Leu-266 of SEQ ID NO:3229 may retain some functional activity, such as, for example, ligand binding, to stimulation of lymphocyte (e.g., B cell) proliferation, differentiation, and/or activation, modulation of cell replication, modulation of target cell activities and/or immunogenicity. However, even if deletion of one or more amino acids from the N-terminus of the predicted extracellular domain of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide results in modification or loss of one or more functional activities of the polypeptide, other functional activities may still be retained. Thus, the ability of the shortened polypeptides to induce and/or bind to antibodies which recognize the complete or mature or extracellular domains of the polypeptides generally will be retained when less than the majority of the residues of the complete or mature or extracellular domains of the polypeptides are removed from the N-terminus. Whether a particular polypeptide lacking N-terminal residues of a complete polypeptide retains such immunologic activities can readily be determined by routine methods described herein and otherwise known in the art.

Accordingly, the present invention further provides antibodies that bind polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the amino terminus of the amino acid sequence of B Lymphocyte Stimulator shown in SEQ ID NO:3229, up to the glycine residue at position number 261. In particular, the present invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising the amino acid sequence of residues n^m-266

of SEQ ID NO:3229, where n^a is an integer in the range of the amino acid position of amino acid residues 73–261 of the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:3229, and 261 is the position of the first residue from the N-terminus of the predicted extracellular domain B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide (shown in SEQ ID NO:3229).

More in particular, in certain embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of residues of Q-73 to L-266; G-74 to L-266; D-75 to L-266; L-76 to L-266; A-77 to L-266; S-78 to L-266; L-79 to L-266; R-80 to L-266; A-81 to L-266; E-82 to L-266; L-83 to L-266; Q-84 to L-266; G-85 to L-266; H-86 to L-266; H-87 to L-266; A-88 to L-266; E-89 to L-266; K-90 to L-266; L-91 to L-266; P-92 to L-266; A-93 to L-266; G-94 to L-266; A-95 to L-266; G-96 to L-266; A-97 to L-266; P-98 to L-266; K-99 to L-266; A-100 to L-266; G-101 to L-266; L-102 to L-266; E-103 to L-266; E-104 to L-266; A-105 to L-266; P-106 to L-266; A-107 to L-266; V-108 to L-266; T-109 to L-266; A-110 to L-266; G-111 to L-266; L-112 to L-266; K-113 to L-266; I-114 to L-266; F-115 to L-266; E-116 to L-266; P-117 to L-266; P-118 to L-266; A-119 to L-266; P-120 to L-266; G-121 to L-266; E-122 to L-266; G-123 to L-266; N-124 to L-266; S-125 to L-266; S-126 to L-266; Q-127 to L-266; N-128 to L-266; S-129 to L-266; R-130 to L-266; N-131 to L-266; K-132 to L-266; R-133 to L-266; A-134 to L-266; V-135 to L-266; Q-136 to L-266; G-137 to L-266; P-138 to L-266; E-139 to L-266; E-140 to L-266; T-141 to L-266; G-142 to L-266; S-143 to L-266; Y-144 to L-266; T-145 to L-266; F-146 to L-266; V-147 to L-266; P-148 to L-266; W-149 to L-266; L-150 to L-266; L-151 to L-266; S-152 to L-266; F-153 to L-266; K-154 to L-266; R-155 to L-266; G-156 to L-266; S-157 to L-266; A-158 to L-266; L-159 to L-266; E-160 to L-266; E-161 to L-266; K-162 to L-266; E-163 to L-266; N-164 to L-266; K-165 to L-266; L-166 to L-266; L-167 to L-266; V-168 to L-266; K-169 to L-266; E-170 to L-266; T-171 to L-266; G-172 to L-266; Y-173 to L-266; F-174 to L-266; F-175 to L-266; L-176 to L-266; Y-177 to L-266; G-178 to L-266; Q-179 to L-266; V-180 to L-266; L-181 to L-266; Y-182 to L-266; T-183 to L-266; D-184 to L-266; K-185 to L-266; T-186 to L-266; Y-187 to L-266; A-188 to L-266; M-189 to L-266; G-190 to L-266; H-191 to L-266; L-192 to L-266; L-193 to L-266; Q-194 to L-266; R-195 to L-266; K-196 to L-266; K-197 to L-266; V-198 to L-266; H-199 to L-266; V-200 to L-266; F-201 to L-266; G-202 to L-266; D-203 to L-266; E-204 to L-266; L-205 to L-266; S-206 to L-266; L-207 to L-266; V-208 to L-266; T-209 to L-266; L-210 to L-266; F-211 to L-266; R-212 to L-266; C-213 to L-266; L-214 to L-266; Q-215 to L-266; N-216 to L-266; M-217 to L-266; P-218 to L-266; E-219 to L-266; H-220 to L-266; L-221 to L-266; P-222 to L-266; N-223 to L-266; N-224 to L-266; S-225 to L-266; C-226 to L-266; Y-227 to L-266; S-228 to L-266; A-229 to L-266; G-230 to L-266; L-231 to L-266; A-232 to L-266; K-233 to L-266; L-234 to L-266; E-235 to L-266; E-236 to L-266; G-237 to L-266; D-238 to L-266; E-239 to L-266; L-240 to L-266; Q-241 to L-266; L-242 to L-266; A-243 to L-266; L-244 to L-266; P-245 to L-266; R-246 to L-266; E-247 to L-266; N-248 to L-266; A-249 to L-266; Q-250 to L-266; L-251 to L-266; S-252 to L-266; L-253 to L-266; D-254 to L-266; G-255 to L-266; D-256 to L-266; V-257 to L-266; T-258 to L-266; F-259 to L-266; F-260 to L-266; and G-261 to L-266 of SEQ ID NO:3229. The present invention is also directed to antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively, consisting of, a contiguous sequence of amino acid

residues at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 92%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides described above.

Similarly, deletions of C-terminal amino acid residues of the predicted extracellular domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator up to the leucine residue at position 79 of SEQ ID NO:3229 may retain some functional activity, such as, for example, ligand binding, the ability to stimulate lymphocyte (e.g., B cell) proliferation, differentiation, and/or activation, modulation of cell replication, modulation of target cell activities and/or immunogenicity. Polypeptides having further C-terminal deletions including Leu-79 of SEQ ID NO:3229 would not be expected to retain biological activities.

However, even if deletion of one or more amino acids from the C-terminus of a polypeptide results in modification or loss of one or more functional activities (e.g., biological activity) of the polypeptide, other functional activities may still be retained. Thus, the ability of the shortened polypeptide to induce and/or bind to antibodies which recognize the complete, mature or extracellular forms of the polypeptide generally will be retained when less than the majority of the residues of the complete, mature or extracellular forms of the polypeptide are removed from the C-terminus. Whether a particular polypeptide lacking C-terminal residues of the predicted extracellular domain retains such immunologic activities can readily be determined by routine methods described herein and otherwise known in the art.

Accordingly, the present invention further provides antibodies that bind polypeptides having one or more residues from the carboxy terminus of the amino acid sequence of the predicted extracellular domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator shown in SEQ ID NO:3229, up to the leucine residue at position 79 of SEQ ID NO:3229. In particular, the present invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides having the amino acid sequence of residues 73–m^a of the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:3229, where m^a is any integer in the range of the amino acid position of amino acid residues 79–265 of the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:3229.

More in particular, in certain embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of residues Q-73 to L-265; Q-73 to K-264; Q-73 to L-263; Q-73 to A-262; Q-73 to G-261; Q-73 to F-260; Q-73 to F-259; Q-73 to T-258; Q-73 to V-257; Q-73 to D-256; Q-73 to G-255; Q-73 to D-254; Q-73 to L-253; Q-73 to S-252; Q-73 to I-251; Q-73 to Q-250; Q-73 to A-249; Q-73 to N-248; Q-73 to E-247; Q-73 to R-246; Q-73 to P-245; Q-73 to L-244; Q-73 to A-243; Q-73 to L-242; Q-73 to Q-241; Q-73 to L-240; Q-73 to E-239; Q-73 to D-238; Q-73 to G-237; Q-73 to E-236; Q-73 to E-235; Q-73 to L-234; Q-73 to K-233; Q-73 to A-232; Q-73 to I-231; Q-73 to G-230; Q-73 to A-229; Q-73 to S-228; Q-73 to Y-227; Q-73 to C-226; Q-73 to S-225; Q-73 to N-224; Q-73 to N-223; Q-73 to P-222; Q-73 to L-221; Q-73 to T-220; Q-73 to E-219; Q-73 to P-218; Q-73 to M-217; Q-73 to N-216; Q-73 to Q-215; Q-73 to I-214; Q-73 to C-213; Q-73 to R-212; Q-73 to F-211; Q-73 to L-210; Q-73 to T-209; Q-73 to V-208; Q-73 to L-207; Q-73 to S-206; Q-73 to L-205; Q-73 to E-204; Q-73 to D-203; Q-73 to G-202; Q-73 to F-201; Q-73 to V-200; Q-73 to H-199; Q-73 to V-198; Q-73 to K-197; Q-73 to K-196; Q-73 to R-195; Q-73 to Q-194; Q-73 to L-193; Q-73 to L-192; Q-73 to H-191; Q-73 to G-190; Q-73 to Q-7389; Q-73 to A-188; Q-73 to Y-187; Q-73 to T-186; Q-73 to K-185; Q-73 to D-184; Q-73 to T-183; Q-73 to Y-182; Q-73 to L-181; Q-73 to V-180; Q-73 to L-179; Q-73 to G-178; Q-73 to Y-177;

Q-73 to I-176; Q-73 to F-175; Q-73 to F-174; Q-73 to Y-173; Q-73 to G-172; Q-73 to T-171; Q-73 to E-170; Q-73 to K-169; Q-73 to V-168; Q-73 to L-167; Q-73 to L-166; Q-73 to K-165; Q-73 to N-164; Q-73 to E-163; Q-73 to K-162; Q-73 to E-161; Q-73 to E-160; Q-73 to L-159; Q-73 to A-158; Q-73 to S-157; Q-73 to G-156; Q-73 to R-155; Q-73 to K-154; Q-73 to F-153; Q-73 to S-152; Q-73 to L-151; Q-73 to L-150; Q-73 to W-149; Q-73 to P-148; Q-73 to V-147; Q-73 to F-146; Q-73 to T-145; Q-73 to Y-144; Q-73 to S-143; Q-73 to G-142; Q-73 to T-141; Q-73 to E-140; Q-73 to E-139; Q-73 to P-138; Q-73 to G-137; Q-73 to Q-136; Q-73 to V-135; Q-73 to A-134; Q-73 to R-133; Q-73 to K-132; Q-73 to N-131; Q-73 to R-130; Q-73 to S-129; Q-73 to N-128; Q-73 to Q-127; Q-73 to S-126; Q-73 to S-125; Q-73 to N-124; Q-73 to G-123; Q-73 to E-122; Q-73 to G-121; Q-73 to P-120; Q-73 to A-119; Q-73 to P-118; Q-73 to P-117; Q-73 to E-116; Q-73 to F-115; Q-73 to I-114; Q-73 to K-113; Q-73 to L-112; Q-73 to G-111; Q-73 to A-110; Q-73 to T-109; Q-73 to V-108; Q-73 to A-107; Q-73 to P-106; Q-73 to A-105; Q-73 to E-104; Q-73 to E-103; Q-73 to L-102; Q-73 to G-101; Q-73 to A-100; Q-73 to K-99; Q-73 to P-98; Q-73 to A-97; Q-73 to G-96; Q-73 to A-95; Q-73 to G-94; Q-73 to A-93; Q-73 to P-92; Q-73 to L-91; Q-73 to K-90; Q-73 to E-89; Q-73 to A-88; Q-73 to H-87; Q-73 to H-86; Q-73 to G-85; Q-73 to Q-84; Q-73 to L-83; Q-73 to E-82; Q-73 to A-81; Q-73 to R-80; Q-73 to L-79; and Q-73 to S-78 of SEQ ID NO:3229. The present invention is also directed to antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively, consisting of, a contiguous sequence of amino acid residues at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 92%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides described above.

The invention also provides polypeptides having one or more amino acids deleted from both the amino and the carboxyl termini of the predicted extracellular domain of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, which may be described generally as having residues n^a - m^b of SEQ ID NO:3229 where n^a and m^b are integers as defined above.

In another embodiment, antibodies of the present invention bind polypeptides consisting of a portion of the extracellular domain of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in the deposit having ATCC™ Accession No. 203518, where this portion excludes from 1 to about 260 amino acids from the amino terminus of the extracellular domain of the amino acid sequence encoded by cDNA clone contained in the deposit having ATCC™ Accession No. 203518, or from 1 to about 187 amino acids from the carboxy terminus of the extracellular domain of the amino acid sequence encoded by cDNA clone contained in the deposit having ATCC™ Accession No. 203518, or any combination of the above amino terminal and carboxy terminal deletions, of the entire extracellular domain of the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in the deposit having ATCC™ Accession No. 203518.

As mentioned above, even if deletion of one or more amino acids from the N-terminus of a polypeptide results in modification or loss of one or more functional activities (e.g., biological activity) of the polypeptide, other functional activities may still be retained. Thus, the ability of a shortened B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide to induce and/or bind to antibodies which recognize the full-length or mature forms or the extracellular domain of the polypeptide generally will be retained when less than the majority of the residues of the full-length or mature or extracellular domain of the polypeptide are removed from the N-terminus.

Whether a particular polypeptide lacking N-terminal residues of a complete polypeptide retains such immunologic activities can readily be determined by routine methods described herein and otherwise known in the art. It is not unlikely that a B Lymphocyte Stimulator mutein with a large number of deleted N-terminal amino acid residues may retain functional (e.g., immunogenic) activities. In fact, peptides composed of as few as six B Lymphocyte Stimulator amino acid residues may often evoke an immune response.

Accordingly, the present invention further provides antibodies that bind polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the amino terminus of the predicted full-length amino acid sequence of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide shown in SEQ ID NO:3229, up to the glycine residue at position number 261 of the sequence shown SEQ ID NO:3229 and polynucleotides encoding such polypeptides. In particular, the present invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising the amino acid sequence of residues n^a -266 of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:3229, where n^a is an integer in the range of the amino acid position of amino acid residues 1 to 261 of the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:3229.

More in particular, the invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of residues of D-2 to L-266; D-3 to L-266; S-4 to L-266; T-5 to L-266; E-6 to L-266; R-7 to L-266; E-8 to L-266; Q-9 to L-266; S-10 to L-266; R-11 to L-266; L-12 to L-266; T-13 to L-266; S-14 to L-266; C-15 to L-266; L-16 to L-266; K-17 to L-266; K-18 to L-266; R-19 to L-266; E-20 to L-266; E-21 to L-266; M-22 to L-266; K-23 to L-266; L-24 to L-266; K-25 to L-266; E-26 to L-266; C-27 to L-266; V-28 to L-266; S-29 to L-266; L-30 to L-266; L-31 to L-266; P-32 to L-266; R-33 to L-266; K-34 to L-266; E-35 to L-266; S-36 to L-266; P-37 to L-266; S-38 to L-266; V-39 to L-266; R-40 to L-266; S-41 to L-266; S-42 to L-266; K-43 to L-266; D-44 to L-266; G-45 to L-266; K-46 to L-266; L-47 to L-266; L-48 to L-266; A-49 to L-266; A-50 to L-266; T-51 to L-266; L-52 to L-266; L-53 to L-266; L-54 to L-266; A-55 to L-266; L-56 to L-266; L-57 to L-266; S-58 to L-266; C-59 to L-266; C-60 to L-266; L-61 to L-266; T-62 to L-266; V-63 to L-266; V-64 to L-266; S-65 to L-266; F-66 to L-266; Y-67 to L-266; Q-68 to L-266; V-69 to L-266; A-70 to L-266; A-71 to L-266; L-72 to L-266; Q-73 to L-266; G-74 to L-266; D-75 to L-266; L-76 to L-266; A-77 to L-266; S-78 to L-266; L-79 to L-266; R-80 to L-266; A-81 to L-266; E-82 to L-266; L-83 to L-266; Q-84 to L-266; G-85 to L-266; H-86 to L-266; H-87 to L-266; A-88 to L-266; E-89 to L-266; K-90 to L-266; L-91 to L-266; P-92 to L-266; A-93 to L-266; G-94 to L-266; A-95 to L-266; G-96 to L-266; A-97 to L-266; P-98 to L-266; K-99 to L-266; A-100 to L-266; G-101 to L-266; L-102 to L-266; E-103 to L-266; E-104 to L-266; A-105 to L-266; P-106 to L-266; A-107 to L-266; V-108 to L-266; T-109 to L-266; A-110 to L-266; G-111 to L-266; L-112 to L-266; K-113 to L-266; I-114 to L-266; F-115 to L-266; E-116 to L-266; P-117 to L-266; P-118 to L-266; A-119 to L-266; P-120 to L-266; G-121 to L-266; E-122 to L-266; G-123 to L-266; N-124 to L-266; S-125 to L-266; S-126 to L-266; Q-127 to L-266; N-128 to L-266; S-129 to L-266; R-130 to L-266; N-131 to L-266; K-132 to L-266; R-133 to L-266; A-134 to L-266; V-135 to L-266; Q-136 to L-266; G-137 to L-266; P-138 to L-266; E-139 to L-266; E-140 to L-266; T-141 to L-266; G-142 to L-266; S-143 to L-266; Y-144 to L-266; T-145 to L-266; P-146 to L-266; V-147 to L-266; P-148 to L-266; W-149 to L-266; L-150 to L-266; L-151 to L-266;

S-152 to L-266; F-153 to L-266; K-154 to L-266; R-155 to L-266; G-156 to L-266; S-157 to L-266; A-158 to L-266; L-159 to L-266; E-160 to L-266; E-161 to L-266; K-162 to L-266; E-163 to L-266; N-164 to L-266; K-165 to L-266; I-166 to L-266; L-167 to L-266; V-168 to L-266; K-169 to L-266; E-170 to L-266; T-171 to L-266; G-172 to L-266; Y-173 to L-266; F-174 to L-266; F-175 to L-266; I-176 to L-266; Y-177 to L-266; G-178 to L-266; Q-179 to L-266; V-180 to L-266; L-181 to L-266; Y-182 to L-266; T-183 to L-266; D-184 to L-266; K-185 to L-266; T-186 to L-266; Y-187 to L-266; A-188 to L-266; M-189 to L-266; G-190 to L-266; H-191 to L-266; L-192 to L-266; I-193 to L-266; Q-194 to L-266; R-195 to L-266; K-196 to L-266; K-197 to L-266; V-198 to L-266; H-199 to L-266; V-200 to L-266; F-201 to L-266; G-202 to L-266; D-203 to L-266; E-204 to L-266; L-205 to L-266; S-206 to L-266; L-207 to L-266; V-208 to L-266; T-209 to L-266; L-210 to L-266; F-211 to L-266; R-212 to L-266; C-213 to L-266; I-214 to L-266; Q-215 to L-266; N-216 to L-266; M-217 to L-266; P-218 to L-266; E-219 to L-266; T-220 to L-266; L-221 to L-266; P-222 to L-266; N-223 to L-266; N-224 to L-266; S-225 to L-266; C-226 to L-266; Y-227 to L-266; S-228 to L-266; A-229 to L-266; G-230 to L-266; I-231 to L-266; A-232 to L-266; K-233 to L-266; L-234 to L-266; E-235 to L-266; E-236 to L-266; G-237 to L-266; D-238 to L-266; E-239 to L-266; L-240 to L-266; Q-241 to L-266; L-242 to L-266; A-243 to L-266; I-244 to L-266; P-245 to L-266; R-246 to L-266; E-247 to L-266; N-248 to L-266; A-249 to L-266; Q-250 to L-266; I-251 to L-266; S-252 to L-266; L-253 to L-266; D-254 to L-266; G-255 to L-266; D-256 to L-266; V-257 to L-266; T-258 to L-266; F-259 to L-266; F-260 to L-266; and G-261 to L-266 of SEQ ID NO:3229. The present invention is also directed to antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively, consisting of, a contiguous sequence of amino acid residues at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 92%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides described above.

Also as mentioned above, even if deletion of one or more amino acids from the C-terminus of a protein results in modification or loss of one or more functional activities (e.g., biological activities) of the protein, other functional activities may still be retained. Thus, the ability of a shortened B Lymphocyte Stimulator mutein to induce and/or bind to antibodies which recognize the complete or mature form or the extracellular domain of the polypeptide generally will be retained when less than the majority of the residues of the complete or mature form or the extracellular domain of the polypeptide are removed from the C-terminus. Whether a particular polypeptide lacking C-terminal residues of a complete polypeptide retains such immunologic activities can be determined by routine methods described herein and otherwise known in the art. It is not unlikely that a B Lymphocyte Stimulator mutein with a large number of deleted C-terminal amino acid residues may retain some functional (e.g., immunogenic) activities. In fact, peptides composed of as few as six B Lymphocyte Stimulator amino acid residues may often evoke an immune response.

Accordingly, the present invention further provides in another embodiment, antibodies that bind polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the carboxy terminus of the amino acid sequence of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator shown in SEQ ID NO:3229, up to the glutamic acid residue at position number 6, and polynucleotides encoding such polypeptides. In particular, the present invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising the amino acid sequence of residues 1- m^2 of SEQ ID NO:3229, where m^2

is an integer in the range of the amino acid position of amino acid residues 6 to 265 in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3229.

More in particular, the invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of residues M-1 to L-265; M-1 to K-264; M-1 to L-263; M-1 to A-262; M-1 to G-261; M-1 to F-260; M-1 to F-259; M-1 to T-258; M-1 to V-257; M-1 to D-256; M-1 to G-255; M-1 to D-254; M-1 to L-253; M-1 to S-252; M-1 to I-251; M-1 to Q-250; M-1 to A-249; M-1 to N-248; M-1 to E-247; M-1 to R-246; M-1 to P-245; M-1 to I-244; M-1 to A-243; M-1 to L-242; M-1 to Q-241; M-1 to L-240; M-1 to E-239; M-1 to D-238; M-1 to G-237; M-1 to E-236; M-1 to E-235; M-1 to L-234; M-1 to K-233; M-1 to A-232; M-1 to I-231; M-1 to G-230; M-1 to A-229; M-1 to S-228; M-1 to Y-227; M-1 to C-226; M-1 to S-225; M-1 to N-224; M-1 to N-223; M-1 to P-222; M-1 to L-221; M-1 to T-220; M-1 to E-219; M-1 to P-218; M-1 to M-217; M-1 to N-216; M-1 to Q-215; M-1 to I-214; M-1 to C-213; M-1 to R-212; M-1 to F-211; M-1 to L-210; M-1 to T-209; M-1 to V-208; M-1 to L-207; M-1 to S-206; M-1 to L-205; M-1 to E-204; M-1 to D-203; M-1 to G-202; M-1 to F-201; M-1 to V-200; M-1 to H-199; M-1 to V-198; M-1 to K-197; M-1 to K-196; M-1 to R-195; M-1 to Q-194; M-1 to I-193; M-1 to L-192; M-1 to H-191; M-1 to G-190; M-1 to M-189; M-1 to A-188; M-1 to Y-187; M-1 to T-186; M-1 to K-185; M-1 to D-184; M-1 to T-183; M-1 to Y-182; M-1 to L-181; M-1 to V-180; M-1 to Q-179; M-1 to G-178; M-1 to Y-177; M-1 to I-176; M-1 to F-175; M-1 to F-174; M-1 to Y-173; M-1 to G-172; M-1 to T-171; M-1 to E-170; M-1 to K-169; M-1 to V-168; M-1 to L-167; M-1 to I-166; M-1 to K-165; M-1 to N-164; M-1 to E-163; M-1 to K-162; M-1 to E-161; M-1 to E-160; M-1 to L-159; M-1 to A-158; M-1 to S-157; M-1 to G-156; M-1 to R-155; M-1 to K-154; M-1 to F-153; M-1 to S-152; M-1 to L-151; M-1 to L-150; M-1 to W-149; M-1 to P-148; M-1 to V-147; M-1 to F-146; M-1 to T-145; M-1 to Y-144; NM-1 to S-143; M-1 to G-142; M-1 to T-141; M-1 to E-140; M-1 to E-139; M-1 to P-138; M-1 to G-137; M-1 to Q-136; M-1 to V-135; M-1 to A-134; M-1 to R-133; M-1 to K-132; M-1 to N-131; M-1 to R-130; M-1 to S-129; M-1 to N-128; M-1 to Q-127; M-1 to S-126; M-1 to S-125; M-1 to N-124; M-1 to G-123; M-1 to E-122; M-1 to G-121; M-1 to P-120; M-1 to A-119; M-1 to P-118; M-1 to P-117; M-1 to E-116; M-1 to F-115; M-1 to I-114; M-1 to K-113; M-1 to L-112; M-1 to G-111; M-1 to A-110; M-1 to T-109; M-1 to V-108; M-1 to A-107; M-1 to P-106; M-1 to A-105; M-1 to E-104; M-1 to E-103; M-1 to L-102; M-1 to G-101; M-1 to A-100; M-1 to K-99; M-1 to P-98; M-1 to A-97; M-1 to G-96; M-1 to A-95; M-1 to G-94; M-1 to A-93; M-1 to P-92; M-1 to L-91; M-1 to K-90; M-1 to E-89; M-1 to A-88; M-1 to H-87; M-1 to H-86; M-1 to G-85; M-1 to Q-84; M-1 to L-83; M-1 to E-82; M-1 to A-81; M-1 to R-80; M-1 to L-79; M-1 to S-78; M-1 to A-77; M-1 to L-76; M-1 to D-75; M-1 to G-74; M-1 to Q-73; M-1 to L-72; M-1 to A-71; M-1 to A-70; M-1 to V-69; M-1 to Q-68; M-1 to Y-67; M-1 to F-66; M-1 to S-65; M-1 to V-64; M-1 to V-63; M-1 to T-62; M-1 to L-61; M-1 to C-60; M-1 to C-59; M-1 to S-58; M-1 to L-57; M-1 to L-56; M-1 to A-55; M-1 to L-54; M-1 to L-53; M-1 to L-52; M-1 to T-51; M-1 to A-50; M-1 to A-49; M-1 to L-48; M-1 to L-47; M-1 to K-46; M-1 to G-45; M-1 to D-44; M-1 to K-43; M-1 to S-42; M-1 to S-41; M-1 to R-40; M-1 to V-39; M-1 to S-38; M-1 to P-37; M-1 to S-36; M-1 to E-35; M-1 to K-34; M-1 to R-33; M-1 to P-32; M-1 to L-31; M-1 to I-30; M-1 to S-29; M-1 to V-28; M-1 to C-27; M-1 to E-26; M-1 to K-25; M-1 to L-24; M-1 to K-23; M-1 to M-22; M-1 to E-21; M-1 to E-20; M-1 to R-19; M-1 to K-18; M-1 to K-17; M-1 to

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L-16; M-1 to C-15; M-1 to S-14; M-1 to T-13; M-1 to L-12; M-1 to R-11; M-1 to S-10; M-1 to Q-9; M-1 to E-8; M-1 to R-7; and M-1 to E-6 of SEQ ID NO:3229. The present invention is also directed to antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively, consisting of, a contiguous sequence of amino acid residues at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 92%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides described above.

The invention also provides antibodies that bind polypeptides having one or more amino acids deleted from both the amino and the carboxyl termini of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, which may be described generally as having residues n^1 - m^2 of SEQ ID NO:3229, where n^1 and m^2 are integers as defined above.

In additional embodiments, the present invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising the amino acid sequence of residues 134- m^3 of SEQ ID NO:3228, where m^3 is an integer from 140 to 285, corresponding to the position of the amino acid residue in SEQ ID NO:3228. For example, the invention provides antibodies that bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of residues A-134 to Leu-285; A-134 to L-284; A-134 to K-283; A-134 to L-282; A-134 to A-281; A-134 to G-280; A-134 to F-279; A-134 to F-278; A-134 to T-277; A-134 to V-276; A-134 to D-275; A-134 to G-274; A-134 to D-273; A-134 to L-272; A-134 to S-271; A-134 to I-270; A-134 to Q-269; A-134 to A-268; A-134 to N-267; A-134 to E-266; A-134 to R-265; A-134 to P-264; A-134 to L-263; A-134 to A-262; A-134 to L-261; A-134 to Q-260; A-134 to L-259; A-134 to E-258; A-134 to D-257; A-134 to G-256; A-134 to E-255; A-134 to E-254; A-134 to L-253; A-134 to K-252; A-134 to A-251; A-134 to L-250; A-134 to G-249; A-134 to A-248; A-134 to S-247; A-134 to Y-246; A-134 to C-245; A-134 to S-244; A-134 to N-243; A-134 to N-242; A-134 to P-241; A-134 to L-240; A-134 to T-239; A-134 to E-238; A-134 to P-237; A-134 to M-236; A-134 to N-235; A-134 to Q-234; A-134 to I-233; A-134 to C-232; A-134 to R-231; A-134 to F-230; A-134 to L-229; A-134 to T-228; A-134 to V-227; A-134 to L-226; A-134 to S-225; A-134 to L-224; A-134 to E-223; A-134 to D-222; A-134 to G-221; A-134 to F-220; A-134 to V-219; A-134 to H-218; A-134 to V-217; A-134 to K-216; A-134 to K-215; A-134 to R-214; A-134 to Q-213; A-134 to I-212; A-134 to L-211; A-134 to H-210; A-134 to G-209; A-134 to M-208; A-134 to A-207; A-134 to Y-206; A-134 to T-205; A-134 to K-204; A-134 to D-203; A-134 to T-202; A-134 to Y-201; A-134 to L-200; A-134 to V-199; A-134 to Q-198; A-134 to G-197; A-134 to Y-196; A-134 to I-195; A-134 to F-194; A-134 to F-193; A-134 to Y-192; A-134 to G-191; A-134 to T-190; A-134 to E-189; A-134 to K-188; A-134 to V-187; A-134 to L-186; A-134 to L-185; A-134 to K-184; A-134 to N-183; A-134 to E-182; A-134 to K-181; A-134 to E-180; A-134 to F-179; A-134 to L-178; A-134 to A-177; A-134 to S-176; A-134 to G-175; A-134 to R-174; A-134 to K-173; A-134 to F-172; A-134 to S-171; A-134 to L-170; A-134 to L-169; A-134 to W-168; A-134 to P-167; A-134 to V-166; A-134 to F-165; A-134 to T-164; A-134 to Y-163; A-134 to S-162; A-134 to G-161; A-134 to K-160; A-134 to Q-159; A-134 to I-158; A-134 to T-157; A-134 to P-156; A-134 to T-155; A-134 to E-154; A-134 to S-153; A-134 to D-152; A-134 to A-151; A-134 to I-150; A-134 to L-149; A-134 to Q-148; A-134 to L-147; A-134 to C-146; A-134 to D-145; A-134 to Q-144; A-134 to L-143; A-134 to V-142; A-134 to T-141; and A-134 to E-140 of SEQ ID NO:3228. The present invention is also directed to antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides com-

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A-158 to G-172; L-159 to Y-173; E-160 to F-174; E-161 to F-175; K-162 to I-176; E-163 to Y-177; N-164 to G-178; K-165 to Q-179; I-166 to V-180; L-167 to L-181; V-168 to Y-182; K-169 to T-183; E-170 to L-184; T-171 to K-185; G-172 to T-186; Y-173 to Y-187; F-174 to A-188; F-175 to M-189; I-176 to G-190; Y-177 to H-191; G-178 to L-192; Q-179 to I-193; V-180 to Q-194; L-181 to R-195; Y-182 to K-196; T-183 to K-197; D-184 to V-198; K-185 to H-199; T-186 to V-200; Y-187 to F-201; A-188 to G-202; M-189 to D-203; G-190 to E-204; H-191 to L-205; L-192 to S-206; I-193 to L-207; Q-194 to V-208; R-195 to T-209; K-196 to L-210; K-197 to F-211; V-198 to R-212; H-199 to C-213; V-200 to L-214; F-201 to Q-215; G-202 to N-216; D-203 to M-217; E-204 to P-218; L-205 to E-219; S-206 to T-220; L-207 to L-221; V-208 to P-222; T-209 to N-223; L-210 to N-224; F-211 to S-225; R-212 to C-226; C-213 to Y-227; L-214 to S-228; Q-215 to A-229; N-216 to G-230; M-217 to L-231; P-218 to A-232; E-219 to K-233; T-220 to L-234; L-221 to E-235; P-222 to E-236; N-223 to G-237; N-224 to D-238; S-225 to E-239; C-226 to L-240; Y-227 to Q-241; S-228 to L-242; A-229 to A-243; G-230 to L-244; L-231 to P-245; A-232 to R-246; K-233 to E-247; L-234 to N-248; E-235 to A-249; E-236 to Q-250; G-237 to L-251; D-238 to S-252; E-239 to L-253; L-240 to D-254; Q-241 to C-255; L-242 to D-256; A-243 to V-257; L-244 to T-258; P-245 to F-259; R-246 to F-260; E-247 to G-261; N-248 to A-262; A-249 to L-263; Q-250 to K-264; L-251 to L-265; and S-252 to L-266 of SEQ ID NO:3229. The present invention is also directed to antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively, consisting of, a contiguous sequence of amino acid residues at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 92%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides described above.

In additional embodiments, antibodies of the present invention may bind polypeptide fragments comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of residues: M-1 to F-15; D-2 to C-16; E-3 to S-17; S-4 to E-18; A-5 to K-19; K-6 to G-20; T-7 to E-21; L-8 to D-22; P-9 to M-23; P-10 to K-24; P-11 to V-25; C-12 to G-26; L-13 to Y-27; C-14 to D-28; F-15 to P-29; C-16 to I-30; S-17 to T-31; E-18 to P-32; K-19 to Q-33; G-20 to K-34; E-21 to E-35; D-22 to E-36; M-23 to G-37; K-24 to A-38; V-25 to W-39; G-26 to F-40; Y-27 to G-41; D-28 to I-42; P-29 to C-43; I-30 to R-44; T-31 to D-45; P-32 to G-46; Q-33 to R-47; K-34 to L-48; E-35 to L-49; E-36 to A-50; G-37 to A-51; A-38 to T-52; W-39 to L-53; F-40 to L-54; G-41 to L-55; I-42 to A-56; C-43 to L-57; R-44 to L-58; D-45 to S-59; G-46 to S-60; R-47 to S-61; L-48 to F-62; L-49 to T-63; A-50 to A-64; A-51 to M-65; T-52 to S-66; L-53 to L-67; L-54 to Y-68; L-55 to Q-69; A-56 to L-70; L-57 to A-71; L-58 to A-72; S-59 to L-73; S-60 to Q-74; S-61 to Y-75; F-62 to D-76; T-63 to L-77; A-64 to M-78; M-65 to N-79; S-66 to L-80; L-67 to R-81; Y-68 to M-82; Q-69 to E-83; L-70 to L-84; A-71 to Q-85; A-72 to S-86; L-73 to Y-87; Q-74 to R-88; A-75 to G-89; D-76 to S-90; L-77 to A-91; M-78 to T-92; N-79 to P-93; L-80 to A-94; R-81 to A-95; M-82 to A-96; E-83 to G-97; L-84 to A-98; Q-85 to P-99; S-86 to E-100; Y-87 to L-101; R-88 to T-102; G-89 to A-103; S-90 to G-104; A-91 to V-105; T-92 to K-106; P-99 to L-107; A-94 to L-108; A-95 to T-109; A-96 to P-110; G-97 to A-111; A-98 to A-112; P-99 to P-113; E-100 to R-114; L-101 to P-115; T-102 to H-116; A-103 to N-117; G-104 to S-118; V-105 to S-119; K-106 to R-120; L-107 to G-121; L-108 to H-122; T-109 to R-123; P-110 to N-124; A-111 to R-125; A-112 to R-126; P-113 to A-127; R-114 to F-128; P-115 to Q-129;

H-116 to G-130; N-117 to P-131; S-118 to E-132; S-119 to E-133; R-120 to T-134; G-121 to E-135; H-122 to Q-136; R-123 to D-137; N-124 to V-138; R-125 to D-139; R-126 to L-140; A-127 to S-141; P-128 to A-142; Q-129 to P-143; G-130 to P-144; P-131 to A-145; E-132 to P-146; E-133 to C-147; T-134 to L-148; E-135 to P-149; Q-136 to G-150; D-137 to C-151; V-138 to R-152; D-139 to H-153; L-140 to S-154; S-141 to Q-155; A-142 to H-156; P-143 to D-157; P-144 to D-158; A-145 to N-159; P-146 to G-160; C-147 to M-161; L-148 to N-162; P-149 to L-163; G-150 to R-164; C-151 to N-165; R-152 to L-166; H-153 to I-167; S-154 to Q-168; Q-155 to D-169; H-156 to C-170; D-157 to L-171; D-158 to Q-172; N-159 to L-173; G-160 to I-174; M-161 to A-175; N-162 to D-176; L-163 to S-177; R-164 to D-178; N-165 to T-179; I-166 to P-180; I-167 to A-181; Q-168 to L-182; D-169 to E-183; C-170 to E-184; L-171 to K-185; Q-172 to E-186; L-173 to N-187; I-174 to K-188; A-175 to I-189; D-176 to V-190; S-177 to V-191; D-178 to R-192; T-179 to Q-193; P-180 to T-194; A-181 to G-195; L-182 to Y-196; E-183 to F-197; E-184 to F-198; K-185 to I-199; E-186 to Y-200; N-187 to S-201; K-188 to Q-202; I-189 to V-203; V-190 to L-204; V-191 to Y-205; R-192 to T-206; Q-193 to D-207; T-194 to P-208; G-195 to I-209; Y-196 to F-210; F-197 to A-211; F-198 to M-212; I-199 to G-213; Y-200 to H-214; S-201 to V-215; Q-202 to I-216; V-203 to Q-217; L-204 to R-218; Y-205 to K-219; T-206 to K-220; D-207 to V-221; P-208 to L-222; I-209 to V-223; F-210 to F-224; A-211 to G-225; M-212 to D-226; G-213 to E-227; H-214 to L-228; V-215 to S-229; I-216 to L-230; Q-217 to V-231; R-218 to T-232; K-219 to L-233; K-220 to F-234; V-221 to R-235; H-222 to C-236; V-223 to I-237; F-224 to Q-238; G-225 to N-239; D-226 to M-240; E-227 to P-241; L-228 to K-242; S-229 to T-243; L-230 to L-244; V-231 to P-245; T-232 to N-246; L-233 to N-247; F-234 to S-248; R-235 to C-249; C-236 to Y-250; I-237 to S-251; Q-238 to A-252; N-239 to G-253; M-240 to I-254; P-241 to A-255; K-242 to R-256; T-243 to L-257; L-244 to E-258; P-245 to E-259; N-246 to G-260; N-247 to D-261; S-248 to E-262; C-249 to I-263; Y-250 to Q-264; S-251 to L-265; A-252 to A-266; G-253 to I-267; I-254 to P-268; A-255 to R-269; R-256 to E-270; L-257 to N-271; E-258 to A-272; E-259 to Q-273; G-260 to I-274; D-261 to S-275; E-262 to R-276; I-263 to N-277; Q-264 to G-278; L-265 to D-279; A-266 to D-280; I-267 to T-281; P-268 to F-282; R-269 to F-283; E-270 to G-284; N-271 to A-285; A-272 to L-286; Q-273 to K-287; I-274 to L-288; and S-275 to L-289 of SEQ ID NO:38. The present invention is also directed to antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively, consisting of, a contiguous sequence of amino acid residues at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 92%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides described above.

It will be recognized by one of ordinary skill in the art that some amino acid sequences of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides can be varied without significant effect of the structure or function of the polypeptide. If such differences in sequence are contemplated, it should be remembered that there will be critical areas on the polypeptide which determine activity.

Thus, the invention further includes antibodies that bind variations of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides which show B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide functional activity (e.g., biological activity) or which include regions of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide such as the polypeptide fragments described herein. Such mutants include deletions, insertions, inversions, repeats, and type substitutions selected according to general rules known in the art so as

have little effect on activity. For example, guidance concerning how to make phenotypically silent amino acid substitutions is provided in Bowie, J. U. et al., "Deciphering the Message in Protein Sequences: Tolerance to Amino Acid Substitutions," *Science* 247:1306-1310 (1990), wherein the authors indicate that there are two main approaches for studying the tolerance of an amino acid sequence to change. The first method relies on the process of evolution, in which mutations are either accepted or rejected by natural selection. The second approach uses genetic engineering to introduce amino acid changes at specific positions of a cloned gene and selections or screens to identify sequences that maintain functionality.

As the authors state, these studies have revealed that proteins are surprisingly tolerant of amino acid substitutions. The authors further indicate which amino acid changes are likely to be permissive at a certain position of the protein. For example, most buried amino acid residues require non-polar side chains, whereas few features of surface side chains are generally conserved. Other such phenotypically silent substitutions are described in Bowie, J. U. et al., supra, and the references cited therein. Typically seen as conservative substitutions are the replacements, one for another, among the aliphatic amino acids Ala, Val, Leu and Ile; interchange of the hydroxyl residues Ser and Thr; exchange of the acidic residues Asp and Glu, substitution between the amide residues Asn and Gln, exchange of the basic residues Lys and Arg and replacements among the aromatic residues Phe, Tyr.

Thus, antibodies of the present invention may bind fragments, derivatives or analogs of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3228, or that encoded by the deposited cDNA plasmid, such as (i) polypeptides in which one or more of the amino acid residues are substituted with a conserved or non-conserved amino acid residue (preferably a conserved amino acid residue) and such substituted amino acid residue may or may not be one encoded by the genetic code, or (ii) polypeptides in which one or more of the amino acid residues includes a substituent group, or (iii) polypeptides in which the extracellular domain of the polypeptide is fused with another compound, such as a compound to increase the half-life of the polypeptide (for example, polyethylene glycol), or (iv) polypeptides in which the additional amino acids are fused to the extracellular domain of the polypeptide, such as an IgG Fc fusion region peptide or leader or secretory sequence or a sequence which is employed for purification of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide or a proprotein sequence.

Antibodies of the present invention may bind fragments, derivatives or analogs of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3229, or that encoded by the deposited cDNA plasmid, such as (i) polypeptides in which one or more of the amino acid residues are substituted with a conserved or non-conserved amino acid residue (preferably a conserved amino acid residue) and such substituted amino acid residue may or may not be one encoded by the genetic code, or (ii) polypeptides in which one or more of the amino acid residues includes a substituent group, or (iii) polypeptides in which the extracellular domain of the polypeptide is fused with another compound, such as a compound to increase the half-life of the polypeptide (for example, polyethylene glycol), or (iv) polypeptides in which the additional amino acids are fused to the extracellular domain of the polypeptide, such as, a soluble biologically active fragment of another TNF ligand family member (e.g., CD40 Ligand), an IgG Fc fusion region peptide or leader or secretory sequence or a sequence which is employed for purification of the extra-

cellular domain of the polypeptide or a proprotein sequence. Such fragments, derivatives and analogs are deemed to be within the scope of those skilled in the art from the teachings herein.

Thus, the antibodies of the invention may bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides that include one or more amino acid substitutions, deletions or additions, either from natural mutations or human manipulation. As indicated, changes are preferably of a minor nature, such as conservative amino acid substitutions that do not significantly affect the folding or activity of the protein (see Table 13).

TABLE 13

Conservative Amino Acid Substitutions.	
Aromatic	Phenylalanine
	Tryptophan
Hydrophobic	Tyrosine
	Leucine
	Isoleucine
Polar	Valine
	Glutamine
Basic	Asparagine
	Arginine
Acidic	Lysine
	Histidine
Small	Aspartic Acid
	Glutamic Acid
	Alanine
	Serine
	Threonine
	Methionine
	Glycine

In one embodiment of the invention, antibodies of the present invention bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, the amino acid sequence of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which contains at least one conservative amino acid substitution, but not more than 50 conservative amino acid substitutions, even more preferably, not more than 40 conservative amino acid substitutions, still more preferably, not more than 30 conservative amino acid substitutions, and still even more preferably, not more than 20 conservative amino acid substitutions. In one embodiment of the invention, antibodies of the present invention bind polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, the amino acid sequence of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which contains at least one conservative amino acid substitution, but not more than 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 conservative amino acid substitutions.

For example, site directed changes at the amino acid level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be made by replacing a particular amino acid with a conservative substitution. Antibodies of the present invention may bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator amino acid sequences containing conservative substitution mutations of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3228 including: M1 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or V; D2 replaced with E; D3 replaced with E; S4 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; T5 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; E6 replaced with D; R7 replaced with H, or K; E8 replaced with D; Q9 replaced with N; S10 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; R11 replaced with H, or K; L12 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; T13 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; S14 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; L16 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; K17 replaced with H, or K; R18 replaced with H, or R; R19 replaced with H, or K; E20 replaced with D; E21 replaced with D; M22 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or V; K23 replaced with H, or R; L24

replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; K25 replaced with H, or R; E26 replaced with D; V28 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; S29 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; I30 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L31 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; R33 replaced with H, or K; K34 replaced with H, or R; E35 replaced with D; S36 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; S38 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; V39 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; R40 replaced with H, or K; S41 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; S42 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; K43 replaced with H, or R; D44 replaced with E; G45 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; K46 replaced with H, or R; L47 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; L48 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; A49 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A50 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; T51 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, M, or V; L52 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; L53 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; L54 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; A55 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; I56 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; L57 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; S58 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; L61 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; T62 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, M, or V; V63 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; V64 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; S65 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; F66 replaced with W, or Y; Y67 replaced with F, or W; Q68 replaced with N; V69 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; A70 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A71 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L72 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; Q73 replaced with N; G74 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; D75 replaced with N; E76 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A77 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; S78 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; L79 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; R80 replaced with H, or K; A81 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; E82 replaced with D; L83 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; Q84 replaced with N; G85 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; H86 replaced with K, or R; H87 replaced with K, or R; A88 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; E89 replaced with D; K90 replaced with H, or R; L91 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; A93 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G94 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A95 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G96 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A97 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; K99 replaced with H, or R; A100 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G101 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L102 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; E103 replaced with D; E104 replaced with D; A105 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A107 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; V108 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; T109 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, M, or V; A110 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G111 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L112 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; K113 replaced with H, or R; I114 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; F115 replaced with W, or Y; E116 replaced with D; A119 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G121 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; E122 replaced with D; G123 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; N124 replaced with Q; S125 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; S126 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; Q127 replaced with N; N128 replaced with Q; S129 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; R130 replaced with H, or K; N131 replaced with Q; K132 replaced with H, or R; R133 replaced with H, or K; A134 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; V135 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; Q136 replaced with N; G137 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; E139 replaced with D; E140 replaced with D; T141 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, M, or V; V142 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; T143 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, M, or V; Q144 replaced with N; D145 replaced with E; L147 replaced with A, G, I,

S, T, M, or V; Q148 replaced with N; L149 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; I150 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; A151 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; D152 replaced with E; S153 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; E154 replaced with D; T155 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; T157 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; I158 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; Q159 replaced with N; K160 replaced with H, or R; G161 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; S162 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; Y163 replaced with F, or W; T164 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; F165 replaced with W, or Y; V166 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or W; W168 replaced with F, or Y; L169 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; L170 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; S171 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; F172 replaced with W, or Y; K173 replaced with H, or R; R174 replaced with H, or K; G175 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; S176 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A177 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L178 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; E179 replaced with D; E180 replaced with D; K181 replaced with H, or R; E182 replaced with D; N183 replaced with Q; K184 replaced with H, or R; I185 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; L186 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; V187 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or M; K188 replaced with H, or R; E189 replaced with D; T190 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G191 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; Y192 replaced with F, or W; F193 replaced with W, or Y; F194 replaced with W, or Y; I195 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; Y196 replaced with F, or W; G197 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; Q198 replaced with N; V199 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or M; L200 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; Y201 replaced with F, or W; T202 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; D203 replaced with E; K204 replaced with H, or R; T205 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; Y206 replaced with F, or W; A207 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; M208 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G209 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; H210 replaced with K, or R; L211 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; I212 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; Q213 replaced with N; R214 replaced with H, or K; K215 replaced with H, or R; K216 replaced with H, or R; V217 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or H; H218 replaced with K, or R; V219 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; F220 replaced with W, or Y; G221 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; D222 replaced with E; E223 replaced with D; L224 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; S225 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L226 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; V227 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or M; T228 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L229 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; F230 replaced with W, or Y; R231 replaced with H, or K; I233 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; Q234 replaced with N; N235 replaced with Q; M236 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; E238 replaced with D; T239 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L240 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; N242 replaced with Q; N243 replaced with Q; S244 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; Y246 replaced with F, or W; S247 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A248 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G249 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; I250 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A251 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; K252 replaced with H, or R; L253 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; E254 replaced with D; E255 replaced with D; G256 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; D257 replaced with E; E258 replaced with D; L259 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; Q260 replaced with N; L261 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; A262 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; I263 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; R265 replaced with H, or K; E266 replaced with D; N267 replaced with Q; A268 replaced with G, I, L, S, T,

M, or V; Q269 replaced with N; I270 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; S271 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; L272 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; D273 replaced with E; G274 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; D275 replaced with E; V276 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or M; T277 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; F278 replaced with W, or Y; F279 replaced with W, or Y; G280 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A281 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L282 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; K283 replaced with H, or R; L284 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; and/or L285 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V.

In another embodiment, site directed changes at the amino acid level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be made by replacing a particular amino acid with a conservative substitution. Antibodies of the present invention may bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator amino acid sequences containing conservative substitution mutations of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3229 including: M1 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or V; D2 replaced with E; D3 replaced with E; S4 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; T5 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; E6 replaced with D; R7 replaced with H, or K; E8 replaced with D; Q9 replaced with N; S10 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; R11 replaced with H, or K; L12 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; T13 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; S14 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L16 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; K17 replaced with H, or R; K18 replaced with H, or R; R19 replaced with H, or K; E20 replaced with D; E21 replaced with D; M22 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; K23 replaced with H, or R; L24 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; K25 replaced with H, or R; E26 replaced with D; V28 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or M; S29 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; I30 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; L31 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; R33 replaced with H, or K; K34 replaced with H, or R; E35 replaced with D; S36 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; S38 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; V39 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or R; M40 replaced with H, or K; S41 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; S42 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; K43 replaced with H, or R; D44 replaced with E; G45 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; K46 replaced with H, or R; L47 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; L48 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; A49 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A50 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; T51 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L52 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; L53 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; L54 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; A55 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L56 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; L57 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; S58 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L61 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; T62 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; V63 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or M; V64 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or M; S65 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; F66 replaced with W, or Y; Y67 replaced with F, or W; Q68 replaced with N; V69 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or M; A70 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A71 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L72 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; Q73 replaced with N; G74 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; D75 replaced with E; L76 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; A77 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; S78 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L79 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; R80 replaced with H, or K; A81 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; E82 replaced with D; L83 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; Q84 replaced with N; G85 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; H86 replaced with K, or R; H87 replaced with K, or R; A88 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; E89 replaced with D; K90 replaced with H, or R; L91 replaced

with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; A93 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G94 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A95 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G96 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A97 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; K99 replaced with H, or R; A100 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G101 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L102 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; E103 replaced with D; E104 replaced with D; A105 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A107 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; V108 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or M; T109 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, M, or V; A110 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G111 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L112 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; K113 replaced with H, or R; H114 replaced with A, G, L, S, T, M, or V; F115 replaced with W, or Y; E116 replaced with D; A119 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G121 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; E122 replaced with D; G123 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; N124 replaced with Q; S125 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; S126 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; Q127 replaced with N; N128 replaced with Q; S129 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; R130 replaced with H, or K; N131 replaced with Q; K132 replaced with H, or R; R133 replaced with H, or K; A134 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; V135 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or M; Q136 replaced with N; G137 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; E139 replaced with D; E140 replaced with D; T141 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, M, or V; G142 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; S143 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; Y144 replaced with F, or W; F145 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, M, or V; F146 replaced with W, or Y; V147 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; W149 replaced with F, or Y; L150 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; L151 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; S152 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; F153 replaced with W, or Y; K154 replaced with H, or R; R155 replaced with H, or K; G156 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; S157 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; A158 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L159 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; E160 replaced with D; E161 replaced with D; K162 replaced with H, or R; E163 replaced with D; N164 replaced with Q; K165 replaced with H, or R; I166 replaced with A, G, L, S, T, M, or V; L167 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; V168 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; K169 replaced with H, or R; E170 replaced with D; T171 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, M, or V; G172 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; Y173 replaced with F, or W; F174 replaced with W, or Y; F175 replaced with W, or Y; I176 replaced with A, G, L, S, T, M, or V; Y177 replaced with F, or W; G178 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; Q179 replaced with N; V180 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; L181 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; Y182 replaced with F, or W; T183 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, M, or V; D184 replaced with E; K185 replaced with H, or R; T186 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, M, or V; Y187 replaced with F, or W; A188 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; M189 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or V; G190 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; H191 replaced with K, or R; L192 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; I193 replaced with A, G, L, S, T, M, or V; Q194 replaced with N; R195 replaced with H, or K; K196 replaced with H, or R; K197 replaced with H, or R; V198 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; H199 replaced with K, or R; V200 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; F201 replaced with W, or Y; G202 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; D203 replaced with E; E204 replaced with D; L205 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; S206 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; L207 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; V208 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; T209 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, M, or V; L210 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; F211 replaced

with W, or Y; R212 replaced with H, or K; I214 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; Q215 replaced with N; N216 replaced with Q; M217 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or V; E219 replaced with D; T220 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, M, or V; L221 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; N223 replaced with Q; N224 replaced with Q; S225 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; Y227 replaced with F, or W; S228 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; A229 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G230 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; I231 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A232 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; G233 replaced with H, or R; L234 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; E235 replaced with D; E236 replaced with D; G237 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; D238 replaced with E; E239 replaced with D; L240 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; Q241 replaced with N; L242 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; A243 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; I244 replaced with A, G, L, S, T, M, or V; R246 replaced with H, or K; E247 replaced with D; N248 replaced with Q; A249 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; Q250 replaced with N; I251 replaced with A, G, L, S, T, M, or V; S252 replaced with A, G, I, L, T, M, or V; L253 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; D254 replaced with E; G255 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; D256 replaced with E; V257 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, T, or M; T258 replaced with A, G, I, L, S, M, or V; F259 replaced with W, or Y; F260 replaced with W, or Y; G261 replaced with A, I, L, S, T, M, or V; A262 replaced with G, I, L, S, T, M, or V; L263 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; K264 replaced with H, or R; L265 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V; and/or L266 replaced with A, G, I, S, T, M, or V.

In another embodiment, site directed changes at the amino acid level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be made by replacing a particular amino acid with a conservative substitution. Antibodies of the present invention may bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator amino acid sequences containing conservative substitution mutations of the polypeptide of any one of SEQ ID NOS:3230-3237.

Amino acids in the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides that are essential for function can be identified by methods known in the art, such as site-directed mutagenesis or alanine-scanning mutagenesis (Cunningham and Wells, *Science* 244:1081-1085 (1989)). The latter procedure introduces single alanine mutations at every residue in the molecule. The resulting mutant molecules are then tested for functional activity, such as ligand binding and the ability to stimulate lymphocyte (e.g., B cell) as, for example, proliferation, differentiation, and/or activation. Accordingly, antibodies of the present invention may bind amino acids in the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides that are essential for function. In preferred embodiments, antibodies of the present invention bind amino acids in the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides that are essential for function and inhibit B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide function. In other preferred embodiments, antibodies of the present invention bind amino acids in the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides that are essential for function and enhance B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide function.

Of special interest are substitutions of charged amino acids with other charged or neutral amino acids which may produce proteins with highly desirable improved characteristics, such as less aggregation. Aggregation may not only reduce activity but also be problematic when preparing pharmaceutical formulations, because aggregates can be immunogenic (Pinckard et al., *Clin. Exp. Immunol.* 2:331-340 (1967); Robbins et al., *Diabetes* 36: 838-845 (1987); Cleland et al., *Crit. Rev. Therapeutic Drug Carrier Systems* 10:307-377 (1993).

P; C: S58 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; C: S59 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, or P; C60 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, or P; L61 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: T62 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: V63 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: V64 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: S65 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: P66 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P; or C: Y67 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P; or C: Q68 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P; or C: V69 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: A70 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: A71 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: L72 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: Q73 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P; or C: G74 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: D75 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: L76 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: A77 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: S78 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: L79 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: R80 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: A81 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: E82 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: L83 replaced replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: Q84 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P; or C: G85 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: H86 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: H87 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: A88 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: E89 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: K90 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: L91 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: P92 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: A93 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: G94 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: G96 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: A97 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: P98 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: K99 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: A100 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: E101 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: E103 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: E104 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: A105 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: P106 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: A107 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: V108 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: A110 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: G111 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: L112 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: K113 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: I114 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: F115 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P; or C: E116 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: P117 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: P118 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: A119 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: P120 replaced with D, E, H, K,

Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; N242 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P; or C; N243 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P; or C; S244 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; C245 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; Y246 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P; or C; S247 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; A248 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; G249 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; I250 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; A251 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; K252 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L253 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; E254 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; E255 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; G256 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; D257 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; E258 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L259 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; Q260 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P; or C; L261 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; A262 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; I263 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; P264 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; R265 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; E266 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; N267 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P; or C; A268 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; Q269 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P; or C; I270 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; S271 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L272 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; D273 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; G274 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; D275 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; V276 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; T277 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; F278 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P; or C; F279 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P; or C; G280 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; A281 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L282 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; K283 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L284 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; and/or L285 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C.

In an additional embodiment, antibodies of the present invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a B Lymphocyte Stimulator amino acid sequence in which more than one amino acid (e.g., 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 50) is replaced with the substituted amino acids as described above (either conservative or nonconservative).

In another embodiment of the invention, antibodies of the present invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides with non-conservative substitutions of the sequence provided in SEQ ID NO:3229 including: M1 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; D2 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P; or C; D3 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; S4 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; T5 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; E6 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; R7 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N,

Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; E8 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; Q9 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P; or C; S10 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; R11 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L12 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; T13 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; S14 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; C15 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L16 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; K17 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; K18 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; R19 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; E20 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; E21 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; K23 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L24 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; K25 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; E26 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; C27 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; S29 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; I30 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L31 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; P32 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; R33 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; K34 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; E35 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; S36 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; P37 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; S38 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; V39 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; R40 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; S41 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; S42 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; K43 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; D44 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; G45 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; K46 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L47 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L48 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; A49 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; A50 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; T51 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L52 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L53 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L54 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; A55 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L56 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L57 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; S58 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; C59 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; C60 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; L61 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; V62 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; V63 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; V64 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; S65 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; F66 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P; or C; Y67 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P; or C; Q68 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P; or C; V69 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C; A70

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K132 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y,
P; or C: R133 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V,
N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: A134 replaced with D, E, H, K, R,
N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: Q136 replaced with D, E, H, K, R,
5 N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: Q137 replaced with D, E, H, K, R,
A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P; or C: G137 replaced with
D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: P138 replaced with D,
E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: E139
replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P;
10 P; or C: E140 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V,
N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: T141 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N,
Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: G142 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N,
Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: S143 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N,
Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: Y144 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q.
15 A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P; or C: T145 replaced with D, E, H,
K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: F146 replaced with D, E, H, K,
R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P; or C: V147 replaced with
D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: P148 replaced with D,
E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: W149
20 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P;
or C: L150 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C:
L151 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C:
S152 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C:
F153 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V,
25 V, P; or C: K154 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V,
N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: R155 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S,
T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: G156 replaced with D, E, H,
K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: S157 replaced with D, E, H,
K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: A158 replaced with D, E, H,
K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: L159 replaced with D, E, H, K,
R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: E160 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I,
L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: E161 replaced with
H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: K162
replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P;
30 P; or C: E163 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N,
Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: N164 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A,
G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P; or C: K165 replaced with D,
E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: I166 replaced
with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: L167 replaced with
40 D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: V168 replaced with
D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: K169 replaced with
D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: E170
replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y,
P; or C: T171 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P;
45 P; or C: G172 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I,
L, S, T, M, V, P; or C: F174 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q,
A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P; or C: F175 replaced with D, E, H,
K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P; or C: I176 replaced with
D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: Y177 replaced with
50 D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P; or C: G178
replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: Q179
replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P;
or C: V180 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y,
55 P; or C: I181 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P;
or C: Y182 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S,
T, M, V, P; or C: T183 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q,
F, W, Y, P; or C: D184 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S,
T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: K185 replaced with D, E, A,
60 G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: T186 replaced with
D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: Y187 replaced with
D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P; or C: A188
replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: M189
replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: G190
65 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P; or C: H191
replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P;
or C: L192 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P;

C; H193 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; Q194 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P, or C; R195 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; K196 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; K197 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; V198 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; H199 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; V200 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; F201 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; G202 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; D203 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; E204 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; L205 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; S206 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; L207 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; V208 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; T209 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; L210 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; F211 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; C213 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or P; I214 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; Q215 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P, or C; N216 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P, or C; M217 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; P218 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; E219 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; T220 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; L221 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; P222 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; N223 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P, or C; N224 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P, or C; S225 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; C226 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or P; Y227 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P, or C; S228 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; A229 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; G230 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; I231 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; A232 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; K233 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; L234 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; E235 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; E236 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; G237 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; D238 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; E239 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; L240 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; Q241 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P, or C; L242 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; A243 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; I244 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; P245 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; R246 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; E247 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; N248 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P, or C; A249 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; Q250 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, F, W, Y, P, or C; I251 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; S252 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; L253

replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; D254 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; G255 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; D256 replaced with H, K, R, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; V257 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; T258 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; F259 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P, or C; F260 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, P, or C; G261 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; A262 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; K264 replaced with D, E, A, G, I, L, S, T, M, V, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; L265 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C; and/or L266 replaced with D, E, H, K, R, N, Q, F, W, Y, P, or C.

In another embodiment, site directed changes at the amino acid level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be made by replacing a particular amino acid with a non-conservative substitution. Antibodies of the present invention may bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator amino acid sequences containing non-conservative substitution mutations of the polypeptide of any one of SEQ ID NOS:3230-3237.

In an additional embodiment, antibodies of the present invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a B Lymphocyte Stimulator amino acid sequence in which more than one amino acid (e.g., 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 50) is replaced with the substituted amino acids as described above (either conservative or nonconservative).

Replacement of amino acids can also change the selectivity of the binding of a ligand to cell surface receptors. For example, Ostade et al., *Nature* 361:266-268 (1993) describes certain mutations resulting in selective binding of TNF-alpha to only one of the two known types of TNF receptors. Since B Lymphocyte Stimulator is a member of the TNF polypeptide family, mutations similar to those in TNF-alpha are likely to have similar effects in B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides.

Sites that are critical for ligand-receptor binding can also be determined by structural analysis such as crystallization, nuclear magnetic resonance or photoaffinity labeling (Smith et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 224:899-904 (1992) and de Vos et al. *Science* 255:306-312 (1992)).

Since B Lymphocyte Stimulator is a member of the TNF-related protein family, mutations may be made in sequences encoding amino acids in the TNF conserved domain, e.g., in positions Gly-191 through Leu-284 of SEQ ID NO:3228 or in positions Gly-172 through Leu-265 of SEQ ID NO:3229, may modulate rather than completely eliminate functional activities (e.g., biological activities) of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides or fragments or variants thereof. Accordingly, antibodies of the present invention may bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides that have mutations in the TNF conserved domain. In preferred embodiments, antibodies of the present invention may bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides that have mutations in the TNF conserved domain and act as antagonists of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In other preferred embodiments, antibodies of the present invention may bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides that have mutations in the TNF conserved domain and act as agonists of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

Recombinant DNA technology known to those skilled in the art (see, for instance, DNA shuffling supra) can be used to create novel mutant proteins or mutants including single or multiple amino acid substitutions, deletions, additions or fusion proteins. Such modified polypeptides can show, e.g.,

enhanced activity or increased stability. In addition, they may be purified in higher yields and show better solubility than the corresponding natural polypeptide, at least under certain purification and storage conditions.

Thus, the invention also encompasses antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator derivatives and analogs that have one or more amino acid residues deleted, added, or substituted to generate B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides, e.g., that are better suited for expression, scale up, etc., in the host cells. For example, cysteine residues can be deleted or substituted with another amino acid residue in order to eliminate disulfide bridges; N-linked glycosylation sites can be altered or eliminated to achieve, for example, expression of a homogeneous product that is more easily recovered and purified from yeast hosts which are known to hyperglycosylate N-linked sites. To this end, a variety of amino acid substitutions at one or both of the first or third amino acid positions on any one or more of the glycosylation recognition sequences in the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides of the invention, and/or an amino acid deletion at the second position of any one or more such recognition sequences will prevent glycosylation of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator at the modified tripeptide sequence (see, e.g., Miyajima et al., EMBO J 5(6):1193-1197). By way of non-limiting example, mutation of the serine at position 244 to alanine either singly or in combination with mutation of the asparagine at position 242 to glutamine abolishes glycosylation of the mature soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., amino acids 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228) when expressed in the yeast *Pichia pastoris*. A mutant B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide in which only the asparagine at position 242 is mutated to glutamine, is still glycosylated when expressed in *Pichia pastoris*. In this mutant, the glycosylation event may be due to the activation or unmasking of an O-linked glycosylation site at serine 244. Similar mutations affecting glycosylation could also be made in the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3229, i.e., asparagine-223 to glutamine and/or serine-224 to alanine of SEQ ID NO:3229. Additionally, one or more of the amino acid residues of the polypeptides of the invention (e.g., arginine and lysine residues) may be deleted or substituted with another residue to eliminate undesired processing by proteases such as, for example, furins or kexins. One possible result of such a mutation is that B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide of the invention is not cleaved and released from the cell surface. Accordingly, antibodies of the invention may bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator derivatives and analogs that have one or more amino acid residues deleted, added, or substituted. In other embodiments, antibodies of the invention may bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator derivatives, variants or analogs that are unable to be cleaved from the cell surface.

In a specific embodiment, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides in which Lys-132 and/or Arg-133 of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:3228 is mutated to another amino acid residue, or deleted altogether, to prevent or diminish release of the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator from cells expressing B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In a more specific embodiment, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides in which Lys-132 of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:3228 is mutated to Ala-132. In another, nonexclusive specific embodiment, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides in which Arg-133 of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:3228 is mutated to Ala-133. These mutated proteins,

and/or have uses such as, for example, in ex vivo therapy or gene therapy, to engineer cells expressing a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide that is retained on the surface of the engineered cells.

In a specific embodiment, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides in which Cys-146 of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:3228 is mutated to another amino acid residue, or deleted altogether, for example, to aid preventing or diminishing oligomerization of the mutant B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide when expressed in an expression system. In a specific embodiment, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides in which Cys-146 is replaced with a serine amino acid residue.

In another specific embodiment, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides in which Cys-232 of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:3228 is mutated to another amino acid residue, or deleted altogether, for example, to aid preventing or diminishing oligomerization of the mutant B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide when expressed in an expression system. In a specific embodiment, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides in which Cys-232 is replaced with a serine amino acid residue. Polypeptides encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the invention.

In yet another specific embodiment, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides in which Cys-245 of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:3228 is mutated to another amino acid residue, or deleted altogether, for example, to aid preventing or diminishing oligomerization of the mutant B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide when expressed in an expression system. In a specific embodiment, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides in which Cys-245 is replaced with a serine amino acid residue. Polypeptides encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the invention.

The polypeptides of the present invention are preferably provided in an isolated form, and preferably are substantially purified. A recombinantly produced version of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides can be substantially purified by the one-step method described in Smith and Johnson, *Gene* 67:31-40 (1988).

The antibodies of the present invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides including the complete polypeptide encoded by the deposited cDNA (ATCCTM Deposit No. 97768) including the intracellular, transmembrane and extracellular domains of the polypeptide encoded by the deposited cDNA, the mature soluble polypeptide encoded by the deposited cDNA, the extracellular domain minus the intracellular and transmembrane domains of the protein, the complete polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3228, the mature soluble polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3228, e.g., amino acids 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228, the extracellular domain of SEQ ID NO:3228, amino acid residues 73-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228 minus the intracellular and transmembrane domains, as well as polypeptides which have at least 80%, 85%, 90% similarity, more preferably at least 95% similarity, and still more preferably at least 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% similarity to those described above. Polynucleotides encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the invention.

The antibodies of the present invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides including the complete polypeptide encoded by the deposited cDNA including the intracellular, transmembrane and extracellular domains of

the polypeptide encoded by the deposited cDNA (ATCCTM Deposit No. 203518), the mature soluble polypeptide encoded by the deposited cDNA, the extracellular domain minus the intracellular and transmembrane domains of the protein, the complete polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3229, the mature soluble of SEQ ID NO:3229, e.g., amino acid residues 134-266 of SEQ ID NO:3229, the extracellular domain of SEQ ID NO:3229, e.g., amino acid residues 73-266 of SEQ ID NO:3229 minus the intracellular and transmembrane domains, as well as polypeptides which have at least 80%, 85%, 90% similarity, more preferably at least 95% similarity, and still more preferably at least 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% similarity to those described above. Polynucleotides encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the invention.

Further antibodies of the present invention bind polypeptides including polypeptides at least 80%, or at least 85% identical, more preferably at least 90% or 95% identical, still more preferably at least 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to the polypeptide encoded by the deposited cDNA (ATCCTM Deposit No. 97768) or to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3228, and also include antibodies that bind portions of such polypeptides with at least 30 amino acids and more preferably at least 50 amino acids.

Further antibodies of the present invention bind polypeptides including polypeptides at least 80%, or at least 85% identical, more preferably at least 90% or 95% identical, still more preferably at least 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to the polypeptide encoded by the deposited cDNA (ATCCTM Deposit No. 203518) or to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3229, and also include antibodies that bind portions of such polypeptides with at least 30 amino acids and more preferably at least 50 amino acids. Polynucleotides encoding these polypeptides are also encompassed by the invention.

By "% similarity" for two polypeptides is intended a similarity score produced by comparing the amino acid sequences of the two polypeptides using the Bestfit program (Wisconsin Sequence Analysis Package, Version 8 for Unix, Genetics Computer Group, University Research Park, 575 Science Drive, Madison, Wis. 53711) and the default settings for determining similarity. Bestfit uses the local homology algorithm of Smith and Waterman (Advances in Applied Mathematics 2:482-489, 1981) to find the best segment of similarity between two sequences.

By a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least, for example, 95% "identical" to a reference amino acid sequence of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide is intended that the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide is identical to the reference sequence except that the polypeptide sequence may include up to five amino acid alterations per each 100 amino acids of the reference amino acid of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide. In other words, to obtain a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a reference amino acid sequence, up to 5% of the amino acid residues in the reference sequence may be deleted or substituted with another amino acid, or a number of amino acids up to 5% of the total amino acid residues in the reference sequence may be inserted into the reference sequence. These alterations of the reference sequence may occur at the amino or carboxy terminal positions of the reference amino acid sequence or anywhere between those terminal positions, interspersed either individually among residues in the reference sequence or in one or more contiguous groups within the reference sequence.

As a practical matter, whether any particular polypeptide is at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to, for instance, the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID

NO:3228, the amino acid sequence encoded by the deposited cDNA clone HINEDU15 (ATCCTM Accession No. 97768), or fragments thereof, or, for instance, to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3229, the amino acid sequence encoded by the deposited cDNA clone HDPMC52 (ATCCTM Accession No. 203518), or fragments thereof, can be determined conventionally using known computer programs such as the Bestfit program (Wisconsin Sequence Analysis Package, Version 8 for Unix, Genetics Computer Group, University Research Park, 575 Science Drive, Madison, Wis. 53711). When using Bestfit or any other sequence alignment program to determine whether a particular sequence is, for instance, 95% identical to a reference sequence according to the present invention, the parameters are set, of course, such that the percentage of identity is calculated over the full length of the reference amino acid sequence and that gaps in homology of up to 5% of the total number of amino acid residues in the reference sequence are allowed.

In a specific embodiment, the identity between a reference (query) sequence (a sequence of the present invention) and a subject sequence, also referred to as a global sequence alignment, is determined using the FASTDB computer program based on the algorithm of Brutlag et al. (Comp. App. Biosci. 6:237-245 (1990)). Preferred parameters used in a FASTDB amino acid alignment are: Matrix=PAM 0, k-tuple=2, Mismatch Penalty=1, Joining Penalty=20, Randomization Group Length=0, Cutoff Score=1, Window Size=sequence length, Gap Penalty=5, Gap Size Penalty=0.05, Window Size=500 or the length of the subject amino acid sequence, whichever is shorter. According to this embodiment, if the subject sequence is shorter than the query sequence due to N- or C-terminal deletions, not because of internal deletions, a manual correction is made to the results to take into consideration the fact that the FASTDB program does not account for N- and C-terminal truncations of the subject sequence when calculating global percent identity. For subject sequences truncated at the N- and C-termini, relative to the query sequence, the percent identity is corrected by calculating the number of residues of the query sequence that are N- and C-terminal of the subject sequence, which are not matched/aligned with a corresponding subject residue, as a percent of the total bases of the query sequence. A determination of whether a residue is matched/aligned is determined by results of the FASTDB sequence alignment. This percentage is then subtracted from the percent identity, calculated by the above FASTDB program using the specified parameters, to arrive at a final percent identity score. This final percent identity score is what is used for the purposes of this embodiment. Only residues to the N- and C-termini of the subject sequence, which are not matched/aligned with the query sequence, are considered for the purposes of manually adjusting the percent identity score. That is, only query residue positions outside the farthest N- and C-terminal residues of the subject sequence. For example, a 90 amino acid residue subject sequence is aligned with a 100 residue query sequence to determine percent identity. The deletion occurs at the N-terminus of the subject sequence and therefore, the FASTDB alignment does not show a matching/alignment of the first 10 residues at the N-terminus. The 10 unpaired residues represent 10% of the sequence (number of residues at the N- and C-termini not matched/total number of residues in the query sequence) so 10% is subtracted from the percent identity score calculated by the FASTDB program. If the remaining 90 residues were perfectly matched the final percent identity would be 90%. In another example, a 90 residue subject sequence is compared with a 100 residue

query sequence. This time the deletions are internal deletions so there are no residues at the N- or C-termini of the subject sequence which are not matched/aligned with the query. In this case the percent identity calculated by FASTDB is not manually corrected. Once again, only residue positions outside the N- and C-terminal ends of the subject sequence, as displayed in the FASTDB alignment, which are not matched/aligned with the query sequence are manually corrected for. No other manual corrections are made for the purposes of this embodiment.

Antibodies that Immunospecifically Bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator Polypeptides

The present invention also encompasses antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides, which antibodies comprise, or alternatively consist of, all or a portion of a heavy and/or light chain variable domain of the scFvs referred to in Table 1.

The present invention also encompasses methods and compositions for detecting, diagnosing and/or prognosing diseases or disorders associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression or inappropriate B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor function in an animal, preferably a mammal, and most preferably a human, comprising using antibodies (including molecules which comprise, or alternatively consist of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Diseases and disorders which can be detected, diagnosed or prognosed with the antibodies of the invention include, but are not limited to, immune disorders (e.g., lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, Hashimoto's disease, and immunodeficiency syndrome), inflammatory disorders (e.g., asthma, allergic disorders, and rheumatoid arthritis), infectious diseases (e.g., AIDS), and proliferative disorders (e.g., leukemia, carcinoma, and lymphoma).

The present invention further encompasses methods and compositions for preventing, treating or ameliorating diseases or disorders associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression or inappropriate B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor function in an animal, preferably a mammal, and most preferably a human, comprising administering to said animal an effective amount of one or more antibodies (including molecules which comprise, or alternatively consist of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Diseases and disorders which can be prevented, treated or inhibited by administering an effective amount of one or more antibodies or molecules of the invention include, but are not limited to, immune disorders (e.g., lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, Hashimoto's disease, and immunodeficiency syndrome), inflammatory disorders (e.g., asthma, allergic disorders, and rheumatoid arthritis), infectious diseases (e.g., AIDS), and proliferative disorders (e.g., leukemia, carcinoma, and lymphoma).

Anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator Antibodies

The antibodies of the present invention were discovered, in part, using phage display technology. Single chain antibody molecules ("scFvs") displayed on the surface of phage particles were screened to identify those scFvs that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, including the membrane-bound form and soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The present invention encompasses the scFvs and portions thereof that were identified to immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, including

scFvs that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, scFvs that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and scFvs that immunospecifically bind to both the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In particular, the present invention encompasses scFvs comprising, or alternatively consisting of, the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1-2128, as referred to in Table 1. Preferably, the scFvs of the present invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908. The scFvs include scFvs that bind to soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., scFvs comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1563-1880), scFvs that bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., scFvs comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1881-2128), and scFvs that bind to both the soluble form and the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., scFvs comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1-1562). Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these scFvs, that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules encoding these scFvs, molecules, fragments and/or variants.

In one embodiment of the present invention, scFvs that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH domains referred to in Table 1 and/or any one of the VL domains referred to in Table 1. In preferred embodiments, scFvs of the present invention comprise the amino acid sequence of a VH domain and VL domain from the same scFv referred to in Table 1. In alternative embodiments, scFvs of the present invention comprise the amino acid sequence of a VH domain and VL domain from different scFvs referred to in Table 1. In another embodiment, scFvs that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three, or more of the VH CDRs referred to in Table 1 and/or any one, two, three, or more of the VL CDRs referred to in Table 1. In preferred embodiments, scFvs of the present invention comprise the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR and VL CDR from the same scFv referred to in Table 1. In alternative embodiments, scFvs of the present invention comprise the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR and VL CDR from different scFvs referred to in Table 1. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants of the scFvs referred to in Table 1 that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules encoding these scFvs, molecules, fragments and/or variants.

(Table 1 can be found at the end of the specification just prior to the claims.)

In another embodiment of the present invention, an scFv that immunospecifically binds to a soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprises, or alternatively consists of, the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1563-1880 as referred to in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, an scFv that immunospecifically binds to a soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprises, or alternatively consists of, the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1570-1595. In an even more preferred embodiment, an scFv that immunospecifically binds to a soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprises, or alternatively consists of, the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1563-1569.

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In another embodiment of the present invention, an scFv that immunospecifically binds to a membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprises, or alternatively consists of, the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS:1881-2128 as referred to in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, an scFv that immunospecifically binds to a membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprises, or alternatively consists of, the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS:1886-1908. In an even more preferred embodiment, an scFv that immunospecifically binds to a membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprises, or alternatively consists of, the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS:1881-1885.

In another embodiment of the present invention, an scFv that immunospecifically binds to both the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprises, or alternatively consists of, the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS:1-1562 as referred to in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, an scFv that immunospecifically binds to both the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprises, or alternatively consists of, the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS:834-872. In another preferred embodiment, an scFv that immunospecifically binds to both the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprises, or alternatively consists of, any one of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOS:1-46 or 321-329. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these scFvs, that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator and/or the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules encoding these scFvs, molecules, fragments and/or variants.

In another embodiment of the present invention, scFvs that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH domains contained in SEQ ID NOS:1563-1880 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or any one of the VL domains contained in SEQ ID NOS:1563-1880 as disclosed in Table 1. In preferred embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR and VL CDR from the same scFv referred to in Table 1. In alternative embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR and VL CDR from different scFvs referred to in Table 1. In another embodiment, scFvs that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three, or more of the VH CDRs SEQ ID NOS:1563-1880 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or any one, two, three, or more of the VL CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS:1563-1880, as disclosed in Table 1. In preferred embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain and VL domain from the same scFv referred to in Table 1. In alternative embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain and VL domain from different scFvs referred to in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, scFvs that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimu-

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lator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS:1563-1880 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or any one of the VL CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS:1563-1880 as disclosed in Table 1. In preferred embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR and VL CDR from the same scFv referred to in Table 1. In alternative embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR and VL CDR from different scFvs referred to in Table 1. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these scFvs, that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, preferably the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules encoding these scFvs, molecules, fragments and/or variants.

In another embodiment of the present invention, scFvs that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH domains contained in SEQ ID NOS:1881-2128 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or any one of the VL domains contained in SEQ ID NOS:1881-2128 as disclosed in Table 1. In preferred embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR and VL CDR from the same scFv referred to in Table 1. In alternative embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain and VL domain from different scFvs referred to in Table 1. In another embodiment, scFvs that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three, or more of the VH CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS:1881-2128 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or any one, two, three, or more of the VL CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS:1881-2128 as disclosed in Table 1. In preferred embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain and VL domain from the same scFv referred to in Table 1. In alternative embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain and VL domain from different scFvs referred to in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, scFvs that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS:1881-2128 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or any one of the VL CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS:1881-2128 as disclosed in Table 1. In preferred embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain and VL domain from the same scFv referred to in Table 1. In alternative embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the

amino acid sequence of a VH CDR and VL CDR from different scFvs referred to in Table 1. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these scFvs, that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, preferably the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules encoding these scFvs, molecules, fragments and/or variants.

In another embodiment of the present invention, scFvs that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH domains contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-1562 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or any one of the VL domains contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-1562 as disclosed in Table 1. In preferred embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the soluble and membrane-bound forms of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain and VL domain from the same scFv referred to in Table 1. In alternative embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain and VL domain from different scFvs referred to in Table 1. In another embodiment, scFvs that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three, or more of the VH CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-1562 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or any one, two, three, or more of the VL CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-1562 as disclosed in Table 1. In preferred embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain and VL domain from the same scFv referred to in Table 1. In alternative embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the soluble and membrane-bound forms of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain and VL domain from different scFvs referred to in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, scFvs that immunospecifically bind to the soluble and membrane-bound forms of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-1562 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or any one of the VL CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-1562, as disclosed in Table 1. In preferred embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the soluble and membrane-bound forms of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR and VL CDR from the same scFv referred to in Table 1. In alternative embodiments, scFvs of the present invention that immunospecifically bind to the soluble and membrane-bound forms of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR and VL CDR from different scFvs referred to in Table 1. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these scFvs or molecules, that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, preferably the soluble and membrane-bound forms of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules encoding these scFvs, molecules, fragments and/or variants.

The present invention provides antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody

fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide or a polypeptide fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In particular, the invention provides antibodies corresponding to the scFvs referred to in Table 1, such scFvs may routinely be "converted" to immunoglobulin molecules by inserting, for example, the nucleotide sequences encoding the VH and/or VL domains of the scFv into an expression vector containing the constant domain sequences and engineered to direct the expression of the immunoglobulin molecule, as described in more detail in Example 20, *infra*.

In one embodiment, the invention provides antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) wherein said antibodies comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one of the VH domains contained in the sequences referred to in Table 1. The present invention also provides antibodies that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide, or polypeptide fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, wherein said antibodies comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one, two, three, or more of the VH CDRs contained in the sequences referred to in Table 1. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, these antibodies, or antibody fragments or variants thereof, that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a B Lymphocyte Stimulator fragment are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies, molecules, fragments and/or variants.

In one embodiment of the present invention, antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR referred to in Table 1. In particular, the invention provides antibodies that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR1 contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 1563-1569, or 1881-1885 as disclosed in Table 1. In another embodiment, antibodies that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR2 contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 1563-1569, or 1881-1885 as disclosed in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, antibodies that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise, or alternatively consist of a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR3 contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 1563-1569, or 1881-1885 as disclosed in Table 1. In yet another embodiment, antibodies that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR1 contained in SEQ ID NOS:834-872, 1570-1595, or 1886-1908 as disclosed in Table 1; a VH CDR2 contained in SEQ ID NOS: SEQ ID NOS: SEQ ID NOS:834-872, 1570-1595, or 1886-1908; and/or a VH CDR3 contained in SEQ ID NOS: SEQ ID NOS:834-872, 1570-1595, or 1886-1908 as disclosed in Table 1. Preferably, antibodies of the invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, VH CDRs that are derived from the same scFv as disclosed in Table 1. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these antibodies that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies, molecules, fragments or variants.

The present invention provides antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants) that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide, or polypeptide fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In particular, the invention provides antibodies wherein said antibodies comprise, or alternatively consist of, a VL domain having an amino acid sequence of any one of the VL domains referred to in Table 1. The present invention also provides antibodies that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide or polypeptide fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, wherein said antibodies comprise, or alternatively consist of, a VL CDR having an amino acid sequence of any one, two, three, or more of the VL CDRs contained in the sequences referred to in Table 1. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these antibodies that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies, molecules, fragments or variants.

In one embodiment of the present invention, antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL CDR referred to in Table 1. In particular, the invention provides antibodies that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL CDR1 contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 1563-1569, or 1881-1885 as disclosed in Table 1. In another embodiment, antibodies that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL CDR2 contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 1563-1569, or 1881-1885 as disclosed in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, antibodies comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL CDR3 contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1-46, 321-329, 1563-1569, or 1881-1885 disclosed in Table 1. In yet another embodiment, antibodies that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprise, or alternatively consist of: a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL CDR1 contained in SEQ ID NOS: 834-872, 1570-1595, or 1886-1908 as disclosed in Table 1; a VL CDR2 SEQ ID NOS:834-872, 1570-1595, or 1886-1908 as disclosed in Table 1; and a VL CDR3 contained SEQ ID NOS:834-872, 1570-1595, or 1886-1908 as disclosed in Table 1. Preferably, antibodies of the invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, VL CDRs that are derived from the same scFv as disclosed in Table 1. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these antibodies, that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies, molecules, fragments or variants.

The present invention also provides antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide or a polypeptide fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, wherein said antibodies comprise, or alternatively consist of, a VH domain of one of the scFvs referred to in Table 1 combined with a VL domain of one of the scFvs referred to in Table 1, or other VL domain. The present invention further provides antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consist of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide or a polypeptide fragment of B Lymphocyte

Stimulator, wherein said antibodies comprise, or alternatively consist of, a VL domain of one of the scFvs referred to in Table 1 combined with a VH domain of one of the scFvs referred to in Table 1, or other VH domain. In a preferred embodiment, antibodies that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide or a polypeptide fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain contained SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1 and a VL domain contained in contained SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1. In a further preferred embodiment, the antibodies of the invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, a VH and a VL domain from the same scFv as disclosed in Table 1. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these antibodies, that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies, molecules, fragments or variants.

The present invention also provides antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants) that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide or polypeptide fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, wherein said antibodies comprise, or alternatively consist of, one, two, three, or more VH CDRs and one, two, three or more VL CDRs, as referred to in Table 1. In particular, the invention provides for antibodies that immunospecifically bind to a polypeptide or polypeptide fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, wherein said antibodies comprise, or alternatively consist of, a VH CDR1 and a VL CDR1, a VH CDR1 and a VL CDR2, a VH CDR1 and a VL CDR3, a VH CDR2 and a VL CDR1, a VH CDR2 and a VL CDR2, a VH CDR2 and a VL CDR3, a VH CDR3 and a VL CDR1, a VH CDR3 and a VL CDR2, a VH CDR3 and a VL CDR3, or any combination thereof, of the VH CDRs and VL CDRs referred to in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, one or more of these combinations are from the same scFv as disclosed in Table 1. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these antibodies, that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies, molecules, fragments or variants.

In a preferred embodiment the invention provides antibodies wherein the VH CDRX (where X=1, 2, or 3) and VL CDY (where Y=1, 2, or 3) are from scFvs with the same specificity (i.e., from scFvs that bind soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator, from scFvs that bind membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or from scFvs that bind both soluble and membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of these antibodies, that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator are also encompassed by the invention, as are nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies, molecules, fragments or variants.

The term "antibody," as used herein, refers to immunoglobulin molecules and immunologically active portions of immunoglobulin molecules, i.e., molecules that contain an antigen binding site that immunospecifically binds an antigen. As such, the term "antibody" encompasses not only whole antibody molecules, but also antibody fragments, as well as variants (including derivatives) of antibodies and antibody fragments. Antibodies of the invention include, but are not limited to, monoclonal, multispecific, human or chimeric antibodies, single chain antibodies, single chain Fvs (scFvs), Fab fragments, F(ab')₂ fragments, Fd frag-

ments, disulfide-linked Fvs (sdFvs), antiidiotypic (anti-Id) antibodies (including, e.g., anti-Id antibodies to antibodies of the invention), and epitope-binding fragments of any of the above. The immunoglobulin molecules of the invention can be of any type (e.g., IgG, IgE, IgM, IgD, IgA and IgY), class (e.g., IgG₁, IgG₂, IgG₃, IgG₄, IgA₁ and IgA₂) or subclass of immunoglobulin molecule. The antibodies of the present invention also include molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of a portion of an amino acid sequence contained SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908. Preferably, an antibody of the invention comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of a VH domain, VH CDR, VL domain, or VL CDR of any one those contained in the sequences referred to in Table 1. Antibodies of the invention also include molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, fragments or variants of the above antibodies that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

Most preferably the antibodies of the present invention are whole antibodies or antibody fragments that immunospecifically bind human B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Antibody fragments of the invention that immunospecifically bind human B Lymphocyte Stimulator include, but are not limited to, Fab, Fab' and F(ab)', Fd fragments, single-chain Fvs (scFv), single-chain antibodies, disulfide-linked Fvs (sdFvs), fragments comprising, or alternatively consisting of, either a VL or VH domain, and epitope binding fragments of any of the above.

B Lymphocyte Stimulator-binding antibody fragments, including single-chain antibodies, may comprise, or alternatively consist of, the variable region(s) alone or in combination with the entirety or a portion of the following: hinge region, CH1, CH2, and CH3 domains. In a preferred embodiment, the antibodies of the invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said polypeptides comprise, or alternatively consist of, one, two, three, four, five, six or more CDRs referred to in Table 1, preferably a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of a VH CDR3 and/or a VL CDR3 of contained SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1. Most preferably, antibodies of the invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, one, two, three, four, five, six or more CDRs from the same scFv, as referred to in Table 1. The antibodies of the invention may be from any animal origin, including birds and mammals. Preferably, the antibodies are human, murine (e.g., mouse and rat), donkey, sheep, rabbit, goat, guinea pig, camel, horse, or chicken. Most preferably, the antibodies are human antibodies. As used herein, "human" antibodies include antibodies having the amino acid sequence of a human immunoglobulin and include antibodies isolated from human immunoglobulin libraries and xenomeric or other organisms that have been genetically engineered to produce human antibodies. For a detailed discussion of a few of the technologies for producing human antibodies and human monoclonal antibodies and protocols for producing such antibodies, see, e.g., PCT publications WO 98/24893; WO 92/01047; WO 96/34096; WO 96/33735; European Patent No. 0 598 877; U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,413,923; 5,625,126; 5,633,425; 5,569,825; 5,661,016; 5,545,806; 5,814,318; 5,885,793; 5,916,771; and 5,939,598; and Lonberg and Huszar, Int. Rev. Immunol. 13:65-93 (1995), which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety. Human antibodies or "humanized" chimeric monoclonal antibodies can be produced using

techniques described herein or otherwise known in the art. For example, methods for producing chimeric antibodies are known in the art. See, for review the following references which are hereby incorporated in their entirety: Morrison, *Science* 229:1202 (1985); Oi et al., *BioTechniques* 4:214 (1986); Cabilly et al., U.S. Pat. No. 4,816,567; Taniguchi et al., EP 171496; Morrison et al., EP 173494; Neuberger et al., WO 8601533; Robinson et al., WO 8702671; Boulianne et al., *Nature* 312:643 (1984); Neuberger et al., *Nature* 314:268 (1985). In addition, companies such as Abgenix, Inc. (Freemont, Calif.) and Genpharm (San Jose, Calif.) can be engaged to provide human antibodies directed against a selected antigen using technology similar to that described above.

The antibodies of the present invention may be monovalent, bivalent, trivalent or multivalent. For example, monovalent scFvs can be multimerized either chemically or by association with another protein or substance. An scFv that is fused to a hexahistidine tag or a Flag tag can be multimerized using Ni-NTA agarose (Qiagen) or using anti-Flag antibodies (Stratagene, Inc.).

The antibodies of the present invention may be monospecific, bispecific, trispecific or of greater multispecificity. Multispecific antibodies may be specific for different epitopes of a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, or fragment thereof, or may be specific for both a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide, or fragment thereof, and a heterologous epitope, such as a heterologous polypeptide or solid support material. See, e.g., PCT publications WO 93/17715; WO 92/08802; WO 91/00360; WO 92/05793; Tutt, et al., *J. Immunol.* 147:60-69 (1991); U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,474,893; 4,714,681; 4,925,648; 5,573,920; 5,601,819; Kostelny et al., *J. Immunol.* 148:1547-1553 (1992).

The antibodies of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) may bind immunospecifically to murine B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of human B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:3228 and/or 3229) or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on human monocytes; murine B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:3230 and/or 3231) or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on murine monocytes; rat B Lymphocyte Stimulator (either the soluble forms as given in SEQ ID NOS:3232, 3233, 3234 and/or 3235 or in a membrane associated form, e.g., on the surface of rat monocytes); or monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., the monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides of SEQ ID NOS:3236 and/or 3237, the soluble form of monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on monkey monocytes), preferably the antibodies of the invention bind immunospecifically to human B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Preferably, the antibodies of the invention bind immunospecifically to human and monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Also preferably, the antibodies of the invention bind immunospecifically to human B Lymphocyte Stimulator and murine B Lymphocyte Stimulator. More preferably, antibodies of the invention, bind immunospecifically and with higher affinity to human B Lymphocyte Stimulator than to murine B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

Antibodies of the present invention may also be described or specified in terms of their cross-reactivity. Antibodies that do not bind any other analog, ortholog, or homolog of a polypeptide of the present invention are included. Antibodies that bind polypeptides with at least 95%, at least 90%, at least 85%, at least 80%, at least 75%, at least 70%, at least 65%, at least 60%, at least 55%, and at least 50% identity (as calculated using methods known in the art and described

herein) to a polypeptide of the present invention are also included in the present invention. In a specific embodiment, antibodies of the present invention cross react with APRIL (SEQ ID NO:3239; GenBank Accession No. AF046888; J. Exp. Med. 188(6):1185-1190; PCT International Publication WO97/33902). In specific embodiments, antibodies of the present invention cross-react with murine, rat and/or rabbit homologs of human proteins and the corresponding epitopes thereof. Antibodies that do not bind polypeptides with less than 95%, less than 90%, less than 85%, less than 80%, less than 75%, less than 70%, less than 65%, less than 60%, less than 55%, and less than 50% identity (as calculated using methods known in the art and described herein) to a polypeptide of the present invention are also included in the present invention. In a specific embodiment, the above-described cross-reactivity is with respect to any single specific antigenic or immunogenic polypeptide, or combination(s) of 2, 3, 4, 5, or more of the specific antigenic and/or immunogenic polypeptides disclosed herein. Further included in the present invention are antibodies which bind polypeptides encoded by polynucleotides which hybridize to a polynucleotide of the present invention under hybridization conditions (as described herein).

In preferred embodiments, the antibodies of the present invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator and do not cross-react with any other antigens. In more preferred embodiments, the antibodies of the invention immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator and do not cross-react with TRAIL, APRIL, Endokine-alpha, TNF-alpha, TNF-beta, Fas-L or LIGHT.

The present invention also provides for a nucleic acid molecule, generally

isolated, encoding an antibody of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof). In one embodiment, a nucleic acid molecule of the invention encodes an antibody comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a VH domain having an amino acid sequence of any one of the VH domains referred to in Table 1. In another embodiment, a nucleic acid molecule of the present invention encodes an antibody comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a VH CDR1 having an amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDR1s referred to in Table 1. In another embodiment, a nucleic acid molecule of the present invention encodes an antibody comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a VH CDR2 having an amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDR2s referred to in Table 1. In yet another embodiment, a nucleic acid molecule of the present invention encodes an antibody comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a VH CDR3 having an amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDR3s referred to in Table 1. Nucleic acid molecules encoding antibodies that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator and comprise, or alternatively consist of, fragments or variants of the VH domains and/or VH CDRs are also encompassed by the invention.

In another embodiment, a nucleic acid molecule of the invention encodes an antibody (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a VL domain having an amino acid sequence of any one of the VL domains referred to in Table 1. In another embodiment, a nucleic acid molecule of the present invention encodes an antibody comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a VL CDR1 having amino acid sequence of any one of the VL CDR1s referred to in Table 1. In another embodi-

ment, a nucleic acid molecule of the present invention encodes an antibody comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a VL CDR2 having an amino acid sequence of any one of the VL CDR2s referred to in Table 1. In yet another embodiment, a nucleic acid molecule of the present invention encodes an antibody comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a VL CDR3 having an amino acid sequence of any one of the VL CDR3s referred to in Table 1. Nucleic acid encoding antibodies that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator and comprise, or alternatively consist of, fragments or variants of the VL domains and/or VL CDR(s) are also encompassed by the invention.

In another embodiment, a nucleic acid molecule of the invention encodes an antibody (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a VH domain having an amino acid sequence of any one of the VH domains referred to in Table 1 and a VL domain having an amino acid sequence of any one of the VL domains referred to in Table 1. In another embodiment, a nucleic acid molecule of the invention encodes an antibody comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a VH CDR1, a VL CDR1, a VH CDR2, a VL CDR2, a VH CDR3, a VL CDR3, or any combination thereof having an amino acid sequence referred to in Table 1. Nucleic acid encoding antibodies that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator and comprise, or alternatively consist of, fragments or variants of the VL and/or domains and/or VH CDR(s) and/or VL CDR(s) are also encompassed by the invention.

The present invention also provides antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, variants (including derivatives) of the VH domains, VH CDRs, VL domains, and VL CDRs described herein, which antibodies immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Standard techniques known to those of skill in the art can be used to introduce mutations in the nucleotide sequence encoding a molecule of the invention, including, for example, site-directed mutagenesis and PCR-mediated mutagenesis which result in amino acid substitutions. Preferably, the variants (including derivatives) encode less than 50 amino acid substitutions, less than 40 amino acid substitutions, less than 30 amino acid substitutions, less than 25 amino acid substitutions, less than 20 amino acid substitutions, less than 15 amino acid substitutions, less than 10 amino acid substitutions, less than 5 amino acid substitutions, less than 4 amino acid substitutions, less than 3 amino acid substitutions, or less than 2 amino acid substitutions relative to the reference VH domain, VHCDR1, VHCDR2, VHCDR3, VL domain, VLCDR1, VLCDR2, or VLCDR3. In specific embodiments, the variants encode substitutions of VHCDR3. In a preferred embodiment, the variants have conservative amino acid substitutions at one or more predicted non-essential amino acid residues. A "conservative amino acid substitution" is one in which the amino acid residue is replaced with an amino acid residue having a side chain with a similar charge. Families of amino acid residues having side chains with similar charges have been defined in the art. These families include amino acids with basic side chains (e.g., lysine, arginine, histidine), acidic side chains (e.g., aspartic acid, glutamic acid), uncharged polar side chains (e.g., glycine, asparagine, glutamine, serine, threonine, tyrosine, cysteine), nonpolar side chains (e.g., alanine, valine, leucine, isoleucine, proline, phenylalanine, methionine, tryptophan), beta-branched side chains (e.g., threonine, valine, isoleucine) and aromatic side chains (e.g., tyrosine, phenylalanine, tryptophan, histidine). Alternatively, mutations can be introduced randomly along all or part of the coding sequence,

such as by saturation mutagenesis, and the resultant mutants can be screened for biological activity to identify mutants that retain activity (e.g., the ability to bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator). Following mutagenesis, the encoded protein may routinely be expressed and the functional and/or biological activity of the encoded protein, (e.g., ability to immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator) can be determined using techniques described herein or by routinely modifying techniques known in the art.

The antibodies of the invention include derivatives (i.e., variants) that are modified, e.g., by the covalent attachment of any type of molecule to the antibody such that covalent attachment does not affect the ability of the antibody to immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. For example, but not by way of limitation, derivatives of the invention include antibodies that have been modified, e.g., by glycosylation, acetylation, pegylation, phosphorylation, amidation, derivatization by known protecting blocking groups, proteolytic cleavage, linkage to a cellular ligand or other protein, etc. Any of numerous chemical modifications may be carried out by known techniques, including, but not limited to, specific chemical acetylation, acetylation, formylation, metabolic synthesis of tunicamycin, etc. Additionally, the derivative may contain one or more non-classical amino acids.

In a specific embodiment, an antibody of the invention (including a molecule comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an antibody fragment or variant thereof), that immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprises, or alternatively consists of, an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes to a nucleotide sequence that is complementary to that encoding one of the VH or VL domains referred to in Table 1 under stringent conditions, e.g., hybridization to filter-bound DNA in 6x sodium chloride/sodium citrate (SSC) at about 45° C., followed by one or more washes in 0.2xSSC/0.1% SDS at about 50–65° C., under highly stringent conditions, e.g., hybridization to filter-bound nucleic acid in 6xSSC at about 45° C., followed by one or more washes in 0.1xSSC/0.2% SDS at about 68° C., or under other stringent hybridization conditions which are known to those of skill in the art (see, for example, Ausubel, F. M. et al., eds., 1989, *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, Vol. 1, Green Publishing Associates, Inc. and John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York at pages 6.3.1–6.3.6 and 2.10.3). In another embodiment, an antibody of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprises, or alternatively consists of, an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes to a nucleotide sequence that is complementary to that encoding one of the VH CDRs or VL CDRs referred to in Table 1 under stringent conditions, e.g., hybridization under conditions as described above, or under other stringent hybridization conditions which are known to those of skill in the art. In another embodiment, an antibody of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprises, or alternatively consists of, an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes to a nucleotide sequence that is complementary to that encoding one of the VH CDRs referred to in Table 1 under stringent conditions e.g., hybridization under conditions as described above, or under other stringent hybridization conditions which are known to those of skill in the art. Nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies are also encompassed by the invention.

In another embodiment, an antibody (including a molecule comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an antibody fragment or variant thereof), that immunospecifically binds

to B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence that is at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, or at least 99% identical, to any one of the VH domains referred to in Table 1. In another embodiment, an antibody of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence that is at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, or at least 99% identical, to any one of the VH CDRs referred to in Table 1. In another embodiment, an antibody of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence that is at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, or at least 99% identical to any one of the VH CDRs referred to in Table 1. Nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies are also encompassed by the invention.

In another embodiment, an antibody of the invention (including a molecule comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an antibody fragment or variant thereof), that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence that is at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, or at least 99% identical, to any one of the VL domains referred to in Table 1. In another embodiment, an antibody of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence that is at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, or at least 99% identical, to any one of the VL CDRs referred to in Table 1. In another embodiment, an antibody of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence that is at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, or at least 99% identical, to any one of the VL CDRs referred to in Table 1. Nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies are also encompassed by the invention.

Antibodies of the present invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) may also be described or specified in terms of their binding affinity for B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides or fragments or variants of B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides (e.g., to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator and/or membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator). In specific embodiments, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides, or fragments or variants thereof, with a dissociation constant or K_D of less than or equal to 5×10^{-7} M, 10^{-7} M, 5×10^{-8} M, 10^{-8} M, 5×10^{-9} M, 10^{-9} M, 5×10^{-10} M, or 10^{-10} M. More preferably, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides or fragments or variants thereof with a dissociation constant or K_D less than or equal to 5×10^{-8} M, 10^{-8} M, 5×10^{-9} M, 10^{-9} M, 5×10^{-10} M,

or 10^{-8} M. Even more preferably, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides or fragments or variants thereof with a dissociation constant or K_D less than or equal to 5×10^{-9} M, 10^{-9} M, 5×10^{-10} M, 10^{-10} M, 5×10^{-11} M, 10^{-11} M, 5×10^{-12} M, 10^{-12} M, 5×10^{-13} M, 10^{-13} M, 5×10^{-14} M, 10^{-14} M, 5×10^{-15} M, or 10^{-15} M. The invention encompasses antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides with a dissociation constant or K_D that is within any one of the ranges that are between each of the individual recited values.

In specific embodiments, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides or fragments or variants thereof with an off rate (k_{off}) of less than or equal to 5×10^{-2} sec $^{-1}$, 10^{-2} sec $^{-1}$, 5×10^{-3} sec $^{-1}$ or 10^{-3} sec $^{-1}$. More preferably, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides or fragments or variants thereof with an off rate (k_{off}) less than or equal to 5×10^{-4} sec $^{-1}$, 5×10^{-5} sec $^{-1}$, or 10^{-5} sec $^{-1}$. The invention encompasses antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides with an off rate (k_{off}) that is within any one of the ranges that are between each of the individual recited values.

In other embodiments, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides or fragments or variants thereof with an on rate (k_{on}) of greater than or equal to 10^4 M $^{-1}$ sec $^{-1}$, 5×10^4 M $^{-1}$ sec $^{-1}$, 10^5 M $^{-1}$ sec $^{-1}$ or 5×10^5 M $^{-1}$ sec $^{-1}$. More preferably, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides or fragments or variants thereof with an on rate (k_{on}) greater than or equal to 10^5 M $^{-1}$ sec $^{-1}$, 5×10^5 M $^{-1}$ sec $^{-1}$, 10^6 M $^{-1}$ sec $^{-1}$, or 5×10^6 M $^{-1}$ sec $^{-1}$ or 10^7 M $^{-1}$ sec $^{-1}$. The invention encompasses antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides with an on rate (k_{on}) that is within any one of the ranges that are between each of the individual recited values.

The invention also encompasses antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that have one or more of the same biological characteristics as one or more of the antibodies described herein. By "biological characteristics" is meant, the in vitro or in vivo activities or properties of the antibodies, such as, for example, the ability to bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator), and/or an antigenic and/or epitope region of B Lymphocyte Stimulator), the ability to substantially block B Lymphocyte Stimulator/B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor (e.g., TAC1—GenBank accession number AAC51790 and/or BCMA—GenBank accession number NP_001183) binding, or the ability to block B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated biological activity (e.g., stimulation of B cell proliferation and immunoglobulin production). Optionally, the antibodies of the invention will bind to the same epitope as at least one of the antibodies specifically referred to herein. Such epitope binding can be routinely determined using assays known in the art.

The present invention also provides for antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), that neutralize B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof, said antibodies comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a portion (i.e., a VH domain, VL domain, VH CDR1, VH CDR2, VH CDR3, VL CDR1, VL CDR2, or VL CDR3) of an scFv referred to in Table 1, more preferably having an amino acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NOS:834-872, 1570-1595, or 1886-1908, and even more preferably having an amino acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329,

1563-1569, or 1881-1885 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. By an antibody that "neutralizes B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof" is meant an antibody that diminishes or abolishes the ability of B Lymphocyte Stimulator to bind to its receptor (e.g., TAC1 and BCMA) to stimulate B cell proliferation, to stimulate immunoglobulin secretion by B cells, and/or to stimulate the B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor signalling cascade. In one embodiment, an antibody that neutralizes B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In another embodiment, an antibody that neutralizes B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL domain contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In another embodiment, an antibody that neutralizes B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR domain in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In a preferred embodiment, an antibody that neutralizes B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR3 contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In another embodiment, an antibody that neutralizes B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL CDR domain contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In another preferred embodiment, an antibody that neutralizes B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL CDR3 contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. Nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies are also encompassed by the invention.

The present invention also provides for antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), that inhibit (i.e., diminish or abolish) B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated B cell proliferation as determined by any method known in the art such as, for example, the assays described in Examples 21 and 22, infra, said antibodies comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a portion (e.g., a VH domain, VL domain, VH CDR1, VH CDR2, VH CDR3, VL CDR1, VL CDR2, or VL CDR3) of an scFv having an amino acid sequence SEQ ID NOS:834-872, 1570-1595, 1886-1908, and even more preferably having an amino acid sequence SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 1563-1569, 1881-1885 as disclosed in Table 1 or a fragment or variant thereof. In one embodiment, an antibody that inhibits B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated B cell proliferation, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908, as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In another embodiment, an antibody that inhibits B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated B

cell proliferation, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL domain contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In a preferred embodiment, an antibody that inhibits B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated B cell proliferation, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR3 contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In another preferred embodiment, an antibody that inhibits B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated B cell proliferation, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL CDR3 contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In another preferred embodiment, an antibody that inhibits B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated B cell proliferation, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL CDR3 contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. Nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies are also encompassed by the invention.

The present invention also provides for antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), that enhance the activity of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof, said antibodies comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a portion (i.e., a VH domain, VL domain, VH CDR1, VH CDR2, VH CDR3, VL CDR1, VL CDR2, or VL CDR3) of an scFv having an amino acid sequence SEQ ID NOS: 834-872, 1570-1595, or 1886-1908, and preferably having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 1563-1569, or 1881-1885, as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. By an antibody that "enhances the activity of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof" is meant an antibody increases the ability of B Lymphocyte Stimulator to bind to its receptor (e.g., TACI or BCMA), to stimulate B cell proliferation, to stimulate immunoglobulin secretion by B cells, and/or to stimulate the B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor signalling cascade. In one embodiment, an antibody that enhances the activity of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In another embodiment, an antibody that enhances the activity of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL domain contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In another embodiment, an antibody that enhances the activity of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR3 contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In another embodiment, an antibody that enhances B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL CDR3 contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof.

or a fragment or variant thereof. In another preferred embodiment, an antibody that enhances the activity of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL CDR3 contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. Nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies are also encompassed by the invention.

The present invention also provides for antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), that stimulate B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated B cell proliferation as determined by any method known in the art, such as, for example, the assays described in Examples 21 and 22, *infra*, said antibodies comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a portion (e.g., a VH domain, VL domain, VH CDR1, VH CDR2, VH CDR3, VL CDR1, VL CDR2, or VL CDR3) of an scFv having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 834-872, 1570-1595, or 1886-1908, and even more preferably having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1-46, 321-329, 1563-1569, or 1881-1885 as disclosed in Table 1 or a fragment or variant thereof. In one embodiment, an antibody that stimulates B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated B cell proliferation, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH domain contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In another embodiment, an antibody that stimulates B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated B cell proliferation, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL domain contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In a preferred embodiment, an antibody that stimulates B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated B cell proliferation, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VH CDR3 contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. In another preferred embodiment, an antibody that stimulates B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated B cell proliferation, comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a VL CDR3 contained in SEQ ID NOS:1-46, 321-329, 834-872, 1563-1595, or 1881-1908 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. Nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies are also encompassed by the invention.

The present invention also provides for fusion proteins comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an antibody (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and a heterologous polypeptide. Preferably, the heterologous polypeptide to which the antibody is fused is useful for B-cell function or is useful to target the antibody to B-cells. In an alternative preferred embodiment, the heterologous polypeptide to which the antibody is fused is useful for monocyte cell function or is useful to target the antibody to a monocyte. In another embodiment, the heterologous polypeptide to which the antibody is fused is albumin (including but not limited to recombinant human serum albumin or fragments or variants thereof (see, e.g., U.S. Pat. No. 5,876,969, issued Mar. 2, 1999, EP Patent 0 413 622, and U.S. Pat. No. 5,766,883, issued Jun. 16, 1998, herein incorporated by reference in their entirety)). In a preferred embodiment, antibodies of the

present invention (including fragments or variants thereof) are fused with the mature form of human serum albumin (i.e., amino acids 1-585 of human serum albumin as shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 of EP Patent 0 322 094) which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety. In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the present invention (including fragments or variants thereof) are fused with polypeptide fragments comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues 1-x of human serum albumin, where x is an integer from 1 to 585 and the albumin fragment has human serum albumin activity. In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the present invention (including fragments or variants thereof) are fused with polypeptide fragments comprising, or alternatively consisting of, amino acid residues 1-z of human serum albumin, where z is an integer from 369 to 419, as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,766,883 herein incorporated by reference in its entirety. Antibodies of the present invention (including fragments or variants thereof) may be fused to either the N- or C-terminal end of the heterologous protein (e.g., immunoglobulin Fc polypeptide or human serum albumin polypeptide).

In one embodiment, a fusion protein of the invention comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH domains referred to in Table 1 or the amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL domains referred to in Table 1 or fragments or variants thereof, and a heterologous polypeptide sequence. In another embodiment, a fusion protein of the present invention comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three, or more of the VH CDRs referred to in Table 1, or the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three, or more of the VL CDRs referred to in Table 1, or fragments or variants thereof, and a heterologous polypeptide sequence. In a preferred embodiment, the fusion protein comprises, or alternatively consists of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of, a VH CDR3 referred to in Table 1, or fragment or variant thereof, and a heterologous polypeptide sequence, which fusion protein immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In another embodiment, a fusion protein comprises, or alternatively consists of a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of at least one VH domain referred to in Table 1 and the amino acid sequence of at least one VL domain referred to in Table 1 or fragments or variants thereof, and a heterologous polypeptide sequence. Preferably, the VH and VL domains of the fusion protein correspond to the same scFv referred to in Table 1. In yet another embodiment, a fusion protein of the invention comprises, or alternatively consists of a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three or more of the VH CDRs referred to in Table 1 and the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three or more of the VL CDRs referred to in Table 1, or fragments or variants thereof, and a heterologous polypeptide sequence. Preferably, two, three, four, five, six, or more of the VHCDR(s) or VLCDR(s) correspond to the same scFv referred to in Table 1. Nucleic acid molecules encoding these fusion proteins are also encompassed by the invention.

The present invention also provides: antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator; antibodies that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and antibodies that immunospecifically bind to both the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

In one embodiment of the present invention, antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH domains contained in SEQ ID NOS:1563-1880 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or the amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL domains contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1563-1880 as disclosed in Table 1, or fragment(s) or variant(s) (including derivative) thereof. Preferably, the VH and VL domains of the antibody correspond to the same scFv as disclosed in Table 1. In another embodiment, antibodies that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator are provided that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three, or more of the VH CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1563-1880 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three, or more of the VL CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1563-1880 as disclosed in Table 1, or fragment(s) or variant(s) thereof. Preferably, two, three, four, five, six or more of the VH and VL CDRs of the antibody correspond to the same scFv as disclosed in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, antibodies that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator are provided that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH CDR3s contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1563-1880 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or the amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL CDR3s contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1563-1880 as disclosed in Table 1, or fragment(s) or variant(s) thereof. Preferably, the VHCDR3 and VLCDR3 of the antibody correspond to the same scFv, as disclosed in Table 1. Nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies are also encompassed by the invention.

In another embodiment of the present invention, antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator are provided that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH domains contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1881-2128 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or the amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL domains contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1881-2128 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. Preferably, the VH and VL domains of the antibody correspond to the same scFv as disclosed in Table 1. In another embodiment, antibodies that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator are provided that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three, or more of the VH CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1881-2128 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three, or more of the VL CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1881-2128 as disclosed in Table 1, or fragment(s) or variant(s) thereof. Preferably, two, three, four, five, six or more of the VH and VL CDRs of the antibody correspond to the same scFv as disclosed in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, antibodies that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator are provided that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH CDR3s contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1881-2128 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or the amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL CDR3s contained in

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SEQ ID NOS: 1881–2128 as disclosed in Table 1, or fragment(s) or variant(s) thereof. Preferably, the VHCDR3 and VLCDR3 of the antibody correspond to the same scFv, as disclosed in Table 1. Nucleic acid molecules encoding these antibodies are also encompassed by the invention.

In another embodiment of the present invention, antibodies (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, are provided that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH domains contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1–1562 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or the amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL domains contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1–1562 as disclosed in Table 1, or a fragment or variant thereof. Preferably, the VH and VL domains of the antibody correspond to the same scFv as disclosed in Table 1. In another embodiment, antibodies that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator are provided that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three, or more of the VH CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1–1562 as disclosed in Table 1 and/or the amino acid sequence of any one, two, three, or more of the VL CDRs contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1–1562 as disclosed in Table 1, or fragment(s) or variant(s) thereof. Preferably, two, three, four, five, six or more of the VH and VL CDRs of the antibody correspond to the same scFv as disclosed in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, antibodies that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator are provided that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH CDR3s contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1–1562, disclosed in Table 1 and/or the amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL CDR3s contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1–1562, disclosed in Table 1, or fragment(s) or variant(s) thereof. Preferably, the VHCDR3 and VLCDR3 of the antibody correspond to the same scFv, as disclosed in Table 1.

The present invention also provides for mixtures of antibodies (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, wherein the mixture has at least one, two, three, four, five or more different antibodies of the invention. In particular, the invention provides for mixtures of different antibodies that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and/or both the membrane-bound form and soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In specific embodiments, the invention provides mixtures of at least 2, preferably at least 4, at least 6, at least 8, at least 10, at least 12, at least 15, at least 20, or at least 25 different antibodies that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, wherein at least 1, at least 2, at least 4, at least 6, or at least 10, antibodies of the mixture is an antibody of the invention. In a specific embodiment, each antibody of the mixture is an antibody of the invention.

The present invention also provides for panels of antibodies (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, wherein the panel has at least one, two, three, four, five or more different antibodies of the invention. In particular, the invention provides for panels of different antibodies that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form

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of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and/or both the membrane-bound form and soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In specific embodiments, the invention provides for panels of antibodies that have different affinities for B Lymphocyte Stimulator, different specificities for B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or different dissociation rates. The invention provides panels of at least 10, preferably at least 25, at least 50, at least 75, at least 100, at least 125, at least 150, at least 175, at least 200, at least 250, at least 300, at least 350, at least 400, at least 450, at least 500, at least 550, at least 600, at least 650, at least 700, at least 750, at least 800, at least 850, at least 900, at least 950, or at least 1000, antibodies. Panels of antibodies can be used, for example, in 96 well plates for assays such as ELISAs.

The present invention further provides for compositions comprising, one or more antibodies (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants of the invention). In one embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH domains contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1563–1880 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH CDR1s contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1563–1880 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH CDR2s contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1563–1880 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In a preferred embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH CDR3s contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1563–1880, as disclosed in Table 1 or a variant thereof.

The present invention further provides for compositions comprising, one or more antibodies (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants of the invention). In one embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH domains contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1881–2128 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH CDR1s contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1881–2128 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH CDR2s contained in SEQ ID NOS: 1881–2128 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In a preferred embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid

sequence of any one or more of the VH CDR3s contained in SEQ ID NOS:1881–2128 as disclosed in Table 1 or a variant thereof.

The present invention further provides for compositions comprising, one or more antibodies (including scFvs, or molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of antibody fragments or variants of the invention). In one embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH domains contained in SEQ ID NOS:1–1562 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH CDR1s contained in SEQ ID NOS:1–1562 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH CDR2s contained in SEQ ID NOS:1–1562 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In a preferred embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH CDR3s contained in SEQ ID NOS:1–1562 as disclosed in Table 1 or a variant thereof.

Other embodiments of the present invention providing for compositions comprising, one or more antibodies (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of antibody fragments or variants of the invention) are listed below. In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL domains contained in SEQ ID NOS:1563–1880 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL CDR1s contained in SEQ ID NOS:1563–1880 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL CDR2s contained in SEQ ID NOS:1563–1880 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In a preferred embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL CDR3s contained in SEQ ID NOS:1563–1880 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof.

Other embodiments of the present invention providing for compositions comprising, one or more antibodies (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of antibody fragments or variants of the invention) are listed below. In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively

consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL domains contained in SEQ ID NOS:1881–2128 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof.

In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL CDR1s contained in SEQ ID NOS:1881–2128 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL CDR2s SEQ ID NOS:1881–2128 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In a preferred embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL CDR3s contained in SEQ ID NOS:1881–2128 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof.

Other embodiments of the present invention providing for compositions comprising, one or more antibodies (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of antibody fragments or variants of the invention) are listed below. In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL domains contained in SEQ ID NOS:1–1562 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL CDR1s contained in SEQ ID NOS:1–1562 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL CDR2s SEQ ID NOS:1–1562 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof. In a preferred embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL CDR3s contained in SEQ ID NOS:1–1562 as disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof.

In a preferred embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises, one, two, three, four, five, or more antibodies that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VH domains disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof, and an amino acid sequence of any one or more of the VL domains disclosed in Table 1, or a variant thereof wherein the VH and VL domains are from scFvs with the same specificity (i.e., from scFvs that bind soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:1563–1880), from scFvs that bind membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:1881–2128), or from scFvs that bind both soluble and membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:1–1562). In a preferred embodiment the invention provides antibodies wherein the VH CDRX (where X=1,2, or 3) and VL CDY (where Y=1,2, or 3) are from scFvs with the same specificity (i.e., from scFvs that bind soluble B Lymphocyte

Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:1563–1880), from scFvs that bind membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS: 1881–2128), or from scFvs that bind both soluble and membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS: 1–1562). In yet another embodiment, a composition of the present invention comprises one or more fusion proteins.

As discussed in more detail below, a composition of the invention may be used either alone or in combination with other compositions. The antibodies (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of antibody fragments or variants of the present invention) may further be recombinantly fused to a heterologous polypeptide at the N- or C-terminus or chemically conjugated (including covalently and non-covalently conjugations) to polypeptides or other compositions. For example, antibodies of the present invention may be recombinantly fused or conjugated to molecules useful as labels in detection assays and effector molecules such as heterologous polypeptides, drugs, radionuclides, or toxins. See, e.g., PCT publications WO 92/08495; WO 91/14438; WO 89/12624; U.S. Pat. No. 5,314,995; and EP 396,387.

Antibodies of the present invention (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of antibody fragments or variants of the present invention) may be used, for example, but not limited to, to purify and detect B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and to target the polypeptides of the present invention to cells expressing membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor, including both in vitro and in vivo diagnostic and therapeutic methods. For example, the antibodies have use in immunoassays for qualitatively and quantitatively measuring levels of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in biological samples. See, e.g., Harlow et al., *Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual*, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2nd ed. 1988) (incorporated by reference herein in its entirety).

Methods Producing Antibodies

The antibodies of the invention (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of antibody fragments or variants of the invention) can be produced by any method known in the art for the synthesis of antibodies, in particular, by chemical synthesis or preferably, by recombinant expression techniques.

The single chain Fvs disclosed in Table 1 were generated using phage display methods known in the art. Furthermore, other scFvs that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator may be generated using phage display methods known in the art. In phage display methods, functional antibody domains are displayed on the surface of phage particles which carry the polynucleotide sequences encoding them. In particular, DNA sequences encoding VH and VL domains are amplified from animal cDNA libraries (e.g., human or murine cDNA libraries of lymphoid tissues) or synthetic cDNA libraries. The DNA encoding the VH and VL domains are joined together by an scFv linker by PCR and cloned into a phagemid vector (e.g., p CANTAB 6 or pComb 3 HSS). The vector is electroporated in *E. coli* and the *E. coli* is infected with helper phage. Phage used in these methods are typically filamentous phage including fd and M13 and the VH and VL domains are usually recombinantly fused to either the phage gene III or gene VIII. Phage expressing an antigen binding domain that binds to an antigen of interest (i.e., B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment thereof) can be selected or identified with antigen,

e.g., using labeled antigen or antigen bound or captured to a solid surface or bead. Examples of phage display methods that can be used to make the antibodies of the present invention include, but are not limited to, those disclosed in Brinkman et al., *J. Immunol. Methods* 182:41–50 (1995); Ames et al., *J. Immunol. Methods* 184:177–186 (1995); Kettleborough et al., *Eur. J. Immunol.* 24:952–958 (1994); Persic et al., *Gene* 187 9–18 (1997); Burton et al., *Advances in Immunology* 57:191–280 (1994); PCT application No. PCT/GB91/O1134; PCT publications WO 90/02809; WO 91/10737; WO 92/01047; WO 92/18619; WO 93/1236; WO 95/15982; WO 95/20401; WO97/13844; and U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,698,426; 5,223,409; 5,403,484; 5,580,717; 5,427,908; 5,750,753; 5,821,047; 5,571,698; 5,427,908; 5,516,637; 5,780,225; 5,658,727; 5,733,743 and 5,969,108; each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

As described in the above references, after phage selection, the antibody coding regions from the phage can be isolated and used to generate whole antibodies, including human antibodies, or any other desired antigen binding fragment, and expressed in any desired host, including mammalian cells, insect cells, plant cells, yeast, and bacteria, e.g., as described below. Techniques to recombinantly produce Fab, Fab' and F(ab')₂ fragments can also be employed using methods known in the art such as those disclosed in PCT publication WO 92/22324; Mullinax et al., *BioTechniques* 12(6):864–869 (1992); Sawai et al., *AJRI* 34:26–34 (1995); and Better et al., *Science* 240:1041–1043 (1988) (said references incorporated by reference in their entirety).

To generate whole antibodies, PCR primers including VH or VL nucleotide sequences, a restriction site, and a flanking sequence to protect the restriction site can be used to amplify the VH or VL sequences in scFv clones. Utilizing cloning techniques known to those of skill in the art, the PCR amplified VH domains can be cloned into vectors expressing a VH constant region, e.g., the human gamma 4 constant region, and the PCR amplified VL domains can be cloned into vectors expressing a VL constant region, e.g., human kappa or lambda constant regions. Preferably, the vectors for expressing the VH or VL domains comprise a promoter suitable to direct expression of the heavy and light chains in the chosen expression system, a secretion signal, a cloning site for the immunoglobulin variable domain, immunoglobulin constant domains, and a selection marker such as neomycin. The VH and VL domains may also be cloned into one vector expressing the necessary constant regions. The heavy chain conversion vectors and light chain conversion vectors are then co-transfected into cell lines to generate stable or transient cell lines that express full-length antibodies, e.g., IgG, using techniques known to those of skill in the art.

Cell lines that express antibodies that comprise the VH and VL domains of scFvs of the invention have been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection ("ATCC") on the dates listed in Table 2 and given the ATCC Deposit Numbers identified in Table 2. The American Type Culture Collection is located at 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Va. 20110-2209, USA. The ATCC deposit was made pursuant to the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the international recognition of the deposit of microorganisms for purposes of patent procedure.

Cell Line	Corresponding scFv	SEQ ID NO:	ATCC Deposit Number	ATCC Deposit Date
NSO-B11-15	1050B11-15	24	PTA-3238	Mar. 27, 2001
NSO-anti-BlyS-6D08-18	1066D08	2	PTA-3239	Mar. 27, 2001
NSO-anti-BlyS-116A01-60	1116A01	327	PTA-3240	Mar. 27, 2001
IO26C04K	1026C04-K	1563	PTA-3241	Mar. 27, 2001
IO50A12	IO50A12	12	PTA-3242	Mar. 27, 2001
IO50-B11	IO50B11	9	PTA-3243	Mar. 27, 2001

Accordingly, in one embodiment, the invention provides antibodies that comprise the VH and VL domains of scFvs of the invention.

In a preferred embodiment, an antibody of the invention is the antibody expressed by cell line NSO-B11-15.

In a preferred embodiment, an antibody of the invention is the antibody expressed by cell line NSO-anti-BlyS-6D08-18.

In a preferred embodiment, an antibody of the invention is the antibody expressed by cell line NSO-anti-BlyS-116A01-60.

In a preferred embodiment, an antibody of the invention is the antibody expressed by cell line IO26C04K.

In a preferred embodiment, an antibody of the invention is the antibody expressed by cell line IO50A12.

In a preferred embodiment, an antibody of the invention is the antibody expressed by cell line NSO-B11.

In other preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that competitively inhibit binding of an antibody comprising a fragment (e.g., VH domain, VL domain, VHCDR1, VHCDR2, VHCDR3, VLCDR1, VLCDR2, or VLCDR3) or variant of an scFv referred to in Table 1 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide. In preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that which reduce the binding of an antibody comprising a fragment (e.g., VH domain, VL domain, VHCDR1, VHCDR2, VHCDR3, VLCDR1, VLCDR2, or VLCDR3) or variant of an scFv referred to in Table 1 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide by between 1% and 10% in a competitive inhibition assay. In preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that which reduce the binding of an antibody comprising a fragment (e.g., VH domain, VL domain, VHCDR1, VHCDR2, VHCDR3, VLCDR1, VLCDR2, or VLCDR3) or variant of an scFv referred to in Table 1 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide by between 1% and 10% in a competitive inhibition assay.

In preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that which reduce the binding of an antibody comprising a fragment (e.g., VH domain, VL domain, VHCDR1, VHCDR2, VHCDR3, VLCDR1, VLCDR2, or VLCDR3) or variant of an scFv referred to in Table 1 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide by at least 10% and up to 20% in a competitive inhibition assay.

In preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that which reduce the binding of an antibody comprising a fragment (e.g., VH domain, VL domain, VHCDR1, VHCDR2, VHCDR3, VLCDR1, VLCDR2, or VLCDR3) or variant of an scFv referred to in Table 1 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide by at least 20% and up to 30% in a competitive inhibition assay.

In preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that which reduce the binding of an antibody comprising a fragment (e.g., VH domain, VL domain, VHCDR1, VHCDR2, VHCDR3, VLCDR1, VLCDR2, or VLCDR3) or

variant of an scFv referred to in Table 1 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide by at least 30% and up to 40% in a competitive inhibition assay.

In preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that which reduce the binding of an antibody comprising a fragment (e.g., VH domain, VL domain, VHCDR1, VHCDR2, VHCDR3, VLCDR1, VLCDR2, or VLCDR3) or variant of an scFv referred to in Table 1 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide by at least 40% and up to 50% in a competitive inhibition assay.

In preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that which reduce the binding of an antibody comprising a fragment (e.g., VH domain, VL domain, VHCDR1, VHCDR2, VHCDR3, VLCDR1, VLCDR2, or VLCDR3) or variant of an scFv referred to in Table 1 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide by at least 50% and up to 60% in a competitive inhibition assay.

In preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that which reduce the binding of an antibody comprising a fragment (e.g., VH domain, VL domain, VHCDR1, VHCDR2, VHCDR3, VLCDR1, VLCDR2, or VLCDR3) or variant of an scFv referred to in Table 1 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide by at least 60% and up to 70% in a competitive inhibition assay.

In preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that which reduce the binding of an antibody comprising a fragment (e.g., VH domain, VL domain, VHCDR1, VHCDR2, VHCDR3, VLCDR1, VLCDR2, or VLCDR3) or variant of an scFv referred to in Table 1 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide by at least 70% and up to 80% in a competitive inhibition assay.

In preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that which reduce the binding of an antibody comprising a fragment (e.g., VH domain, VL domain, VHCDR1, VHCDR2, VHCDR3, VLCDR1, VLCDR2, or VLCDR3) or variant of an scFv referred to in Table 1 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide by at least 80% and up to 90% in a competitive inhibition assay.

In preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that which reduce the binding of an antibody comprising a fragment (e.g., VH domain, VL domain, VHCDR1, VHCDR2, VHCDR3, VLCDR1, VLCDR2, or VLCDR3) or variant of an scFv referred to in Table 1 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide by at least 90% and up to 100% in a competitive inhibition assay.

In other preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that competitively inhibit binding of the antibody produced by the cell line having ATCC™ deposit number PTA-3238 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide.

In other preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that competitively inhibit binding of the antibody produced by the cell line having ATCC™ deposit number PTA-3239 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide.

In other preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that competitively inhibit binding of the antibody produced by the cell line having ATCC™ deposit number PTA-3240 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide.

In other preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that competitively inhibit binding of the antibody produced by the cell line having ATCC™ deposit number PTA-3241 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide.

In other preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that competitively inhibit binding of the antibody produced by the cell line having ATCC™ deposit number PTA-3242 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide.

In other preferred embodiments, the invention provides antibodies that competitively inhibit binding of the antibody produced by the cell line having ATCC™ deposit number PTA-3243 to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide.

For some uses, including in vivo use of antibodies in humans and in vitro detection assays, it may be preferable to use human or chimeric antibodies. Completely human antibodies are particularly desirable for therapeutic treatment of human patients. See also, U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,444,887 and 4,716,111; and PCT publications WO 98/46645, WO 98/50433, WO 98/24893, WO 98/16654, WO 96/34096, WO 96/33735, and WO 91/10741; each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. In a specific embodiment, antibodies of the present invention comprise one or more VH and VL domains corresponding to the human scFvs of the invention and framework regions from another immunoglobulin molecule, preferably a human immunoglobulin molecule. In a specific embodiment, antibodies of the present invention comprise one or more CDRs corresponding to the human scFvs of the invention and framework regions from another immunoglobulin molecule, preferably a human immunoglobulin molecule. In other embodiments, an antibody of the present invention comprises one, two, three, four, five, six or more VL CDRs or VH CDRs corresponding to one or more of the human scFvs referred to in Table 1, or fragments or variants thereof, and framework regions (and, optionally CDRs not derived from the scFvs in Table 1) from a human immunoglobulin molecule. In a preferred embodiment, an antibody of the present invention comprises a VH CDR3, VL CDR3, or both, corresponding to the same scFv, or different scFvs referred to in Table 1, or fragments or variants thereof, and framework regions from a human immunoglobulin.

A chimeric antibody is a molecule in which different portions of the antibody are derived from different immunoglobulin molecules such as antibodies having a variable region derived from a human antibody and a non-human immunoglobulin constant region. Methods for producing chimeric antibodies are known in the art. See e.g., Morrison, Science 229:1202 (1985); Oi et al., BioTechniques 4:214 (1986); Gillies et al., J. Immunol. Methods 125:191-202 (1989); U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,807,715; 4,816,567; and 4,816,397, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. Chimeric antibodies comprising one or more CDRs from human species and framework regions from a non-human immunoglobulin molecule (e.g., framework regions from a canine or feline immunoglobulin molecule) can be produced using a variety of techniques known in the art including, for example, CDR-grafting (EP 239,400; PCT publication WO 91/09967; U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,225,539; 5,530,101; and 5,585,089), veneering or resurfacing (EP 592,106; EP 519,596; Padlan, Molecular Immunology 28(4/5):489-498 (1991); Studnicka et al., Protein Engineering 7(6):805-814 (1994); Roguska et al., PNAS 91:969-973 (1994)), and chain shuffling (U.S. Pat. No. 5,565,332). In a preferred embodiment,

chimeric antibodies comprise a human CDR3 having an amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDR3s or VL CDR3s referred to in Table 1, or a variant thereof, and non-human framework regions or human framework regions different from those of the frameworks in the corresponding scFv disclosed in Table 1. Often, framework residues in the framework regions will be substituted with the corresponding residue from the CDR donor antibody to alter, preferably improve, antigen binding. These framework substitutions are identified by methods well known in the art, e.g., by modeling of the interactions of the CDR and framework residues to identify framework residues important for antigen binding and sequence comparison to identify unusual framework residues at particular positions. (See, e.g., Queen et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,585,089; Riechmann et al., Nature 332:323 (1988), which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.)

Further, the antibodies of the invention can, in turn, be utilized to generate anti-idiotypic antibodies that "mimic" B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides using techniques well known to those skilled in the art. (See, e.g., Greenspan & Bona, FASEB J. 7(5):437-444 (1993); and Nisinnoff, J. Immunol. 147(8):2429-2438 (1991)). For example, antibodies of the invention which bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator and competitively inhibit the binding of B Lymphocyte Stimulator to its receptor (as determined by assays well known in the art such as, for example, that disclosed, *infra*) can be used to generate anti-idiotypes that "mimic" a B Lymphocyte Stimulator ligand/receptor-binding domain and, as a consequence, bind to and neutralize B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptors (e.g., TACI, BCMA, and TR20). Such neutralizing anti-idiotypes (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants, such as Fab fragments of such anti-idiotypes) can be used in therapeutic regimens to neutralize B Lymphocyte Stimulator. For example, such anti-idiotypic antibodies can be used to bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator ligands/receptors, and thereby block B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated biological activity. Alternatively, anti-idiotypes that "mimic" a B Lymphocyte Stimulator binding domain may bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor(s) and induce B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor mediated signalling (e.g., activation of nuclear factor of activated T cells (NF-AT), nuclear factor-kappa B (NF-kappa B), and/or AP-1). Such agonistic anti-idiotypes (including agonistic Fab fragments of these anti-idiotypes) can be used in therapeutic regimens to induce or enhance B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor mediated signalling. For example, such anti-idiotypic antibodies can be used to bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator ligands/receptors, and thereby stimulate B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated biological activity (e.g., B cell proliferation and/or immunoglobulin production).

Once an antibody molecule of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) has been chemically synthesized or recombinantly expressed, it may be purified by any method known in the art for purification of an immunoglobulin molecule, or more generally, a protein molecule, such as, for example, by chromatography (e.g., ion exchange, affinity, particularly by affinity for the specific antigen after Protein A, and sizing column chromatography), centrifugation, differential solubility, or by any other standard technique for the purification of proteins. Further, the antibodies of the present invention may be fused to heterologous polypeptide sequences described herein or otherwise known in the art, to facilitate purification.

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Polynucleotides Encoding an Antibody

The invention provides polynucleotides comprising, or alternatively consisting of, a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof). The invention also encompasses polynucleotides that hybridize under high stringency, or alternatively, under intermediate or lower stringency hybridization conditions, e.g., as defined supra, to polynucleotides complementary to nucleic acids having a polynucleotide sequence that encodes an antibody of the invention or a fragment or variant thereof.

The polynucleotides may be obtained, and the nucleotide sequence of the polynucleotides determined, by any method known in the art. Since the amino acid sequences of the scFv antibodies and VH domains, VL domains and CDRs thereof, are known (as described in Table 1), nucleotide sequences encoding these antibodies can be determined using methods well known in the art, i.e., the nucleotide codons known to encode the particular amino acids are assembled in such a way to generate a nucleic acid that encodes the antibody, of the invention. Such a polynucleotide encoding the antibody may be assembled from chemically synthesized oligonucleotides (e.g., as described in Kutmeier et al., *BioTechniques* 17:242 (1994)), which, briefly, involves the synthesis of overlapping oligonucleotides containing portions of the sequence encoding the antibody, annealing and ligating of those oligonucleotides, and then amplification of the ligated oligonucleotides by PCR.

Alternatively, a polynucleotide encoding an antibody (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) may be generated from nucleic acid from a suitable source. If a clone containing a nucleic acid encoding a particular antibody is not available, but the sequence of the antibody molecule is known, a nucleic acid encoding the immunoglobulin may be chemically synthesized or obtained from a suitable source (e.g., an antibody cDNA library, or a cDNA library generated from, or nucleic acid, preferably poly A+ RNA, isolated from, any tissue or cells expressing the antibody, such as hybridoma cells selected to express an antibody of the invention) by PCR amplification using synthetic primers hybridizable to the 3' and 5' ends of the sequence or by cloning using an oligonucleotide probe specific for the particular gene sequence to identify, e.g., a cDNA clone from a cDNA library that encodes the antibody. Amplified nucleic acids generated by PCR may then be cloned into replicable cloning vectors using any method well known in the art.

Once the nucleotide sequence of the antibody (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) is determined, the nucleotide sequence of the antibody may be manipulated using methods well known in the art for the manipulation of nucleotide sequences, e.g., recombinant DNA techniques, site directed mutagenesis, PCR, etc. (see, for example, the techniques described in Sambrook et al., 1990, *Molecular Cloning*, A Laboratory Manual, 2d Ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. and Ausubel et al., eds., 1998, *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, John Wiley & Sons, NY, which are both incorporated by reference herein in their entireties), to generate antibodies having a different amino acid sequence, for example to create amino acid substitutions, deletions, and/or insertions.

In a specific embodiment, one or more of the VH and VL domains referred to in Table 1, or fragments or variants thereof, is inserted within framework regions using recom-

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binant DNA techniques known in the art. In a specific embodiment, one, two, three, four, five, six, or more of the CDRs referred to in Table 1, or fragments or variants thereof, is inserted within framework regions using recombinant DNA techniques known in the art. The framework regions may be naturally occurring or consensus framework regions, and preferably human framework regions (see, e.g., Chothia et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 278: 457-479 (1998) for a listing of human framework regions, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety). Preferably, the polynucleotides generated by the combination of the framework regions and CDRs encode an antibody (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that specifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Preferably, as discussed supra, polynucleotides encoding variants of antibodies or antibody fragments having one or more amino acid substitutions may be made within the framework regions, and, preferably, the amino acid substitutions improve binding of the antibody to its antigen. Additionally, such methods may be used to make amino acid substitutions or deletions of one or more variable region cysteine residues participating in an intrachain disulfide bond to generate antibody molecules, or antibody fragments or variants, lacking one or more intrachain disulfide bonds. Other alterations to the polynucleotide are encompassed by the present invention and fall within the ordinary skill of the art.

Recombinant Expression of an Antibody

Recombinant expression of an antibody of the invention (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof (e.g., a heavy or light chain of an antibody of the invention or a portion thereof or a single chain antibody of the invention)), requires construction of an expression vector(s) containing a polynucleotide that encodes the antibody. Once a polynucleotide encoding an antibody molecule (e.g., a whole antibody, a heavy or light chain of an antibody, or portion thereof (preferably, but not necessarily, containing the heavy or light chain variable domain)), of the invention has been obtained, the vector(s) for the production of the antibody molecule may be produced by recombinant DNA technology using techniques well known in the art. Thus, methods for preparing a protein by expressing a polynucleotide containing an antibody encoding nucleotide sequence are described herein. Methods which are well known to those skilled in the art can be used to construct expression vectors containing antibody coding sequences and appropriate transcriptional and translational control signals. These methods include, for example, in vitro recombinant DNA techniques, synthetic techniques, and in vivo genetic recombination. The invention, thus, provides replicable vectors comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody molecule of the invention (e.g., a whole antibody, a heavy or light chain of an antibody, a heavy or light chain variable domain of an antibody, or a portion thereof, or a heavy or light chain CDR, a single chain Fv, or fragments or variants thereof), operably linked to a promoter. Such vectors may include the nucleotide sequence encoding the constant region of the antibody molecule (see, e.g., PCT Publication WO 86/05807; PCT Publication WO 89/01036; and U.S. Pat. No. 5,122,464, the contents of each of which are hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety) and the variable domain of the antibody may be cloned into such a vector for expression of the entire heavy chain, the entire light chain, or both the entire heavy and light chains.

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The expression vector(s) is(are) transferred to a host cell by conventional techniques and the transfected cells are then cultured by conventional techniques to produce an antibody of the invention. Thus, the invention includes host cells containing polynucleotide(s) encoding an antibody of the invention (e.g., whole antibody, a heavy or light chain thereof, or portion thereof, or a single chain antibody of the invention, or a fragment or variant thereof), operably linked to a heterologous promoter. In preferred embodiments, for the expression of entire antibody molecules, vectors encoding both the heavy and light chains may be co-expressed in the host cell for expression of the entire immunoglobulin molecule, as detailed below.

A variety of host-expression vector systems may be utilized to express the antibody molecules of the invention. Such host-expression systems represent vehicles by which the coding sequences of interest may be produced and subsequently purified, but also represent cells which may, when transformed or transfected with the appropriate nucleotide coding sequences, express an antibody molecule of the invention *in situ*. These include, but are not limited to, microorganisms such as bacteria (e.g., *E. coli*, *B. subtilis*) transformed with recombinant bacteriophage DNA, plasmid DNA or cosmid DNA expression vectors containing antibody coding sequences; yeast (e.g., *Saccharomyces*, *Pichia*) transformed with recombinant yeast expression vectors containing antibody coding sequences; insect cell systems infected with recombinant virus expression vectors (e.g., baculovirus) containing antibody coding sequences; plant cell systems infected with recombinant virus expression vectors (e.g., cauliflower mosaic virus, CaMV; tobacco mosaic virus, TMV) or transformed with recombinant plasmid expression vectors (e.g., Ti plasmid) containing antibody coding sequences; or mammalian cell systems (e.g., COS, CHO, BHK, 293, 3T3 cells) harboring recombinant expression constructs containing promoters derived from the genome of mammalian cells (e.g., metallothionein promoter) or from mammalian viruses (e.g., the adenovirus late promoter; the vaccinia virus 7.5K promoter). Preferably, bacterial cells such as *Escherichia coli*, and more preferably, eukaryotic cells, especially for the expression of whole recombinant antibody molecule, are used for the expression of a recombinant antibody molecule. For example, mammalian cells such as Chinese hamster ovary cells (CHO), in conjunction with a vector such as the major intermediate early gene promoter element from human cytomegalovirus is an effective expression system for antibodies (Foecking et al., *Gene* 45:101 (1986); Cockett et al., *BioTechnology* 8:2 (1990)).

In bacterial systems, a number of expression vectors may be advantageously selected depending upon the use intended for the antibody molecule being expressed. For example, when a large quantity of such a protein is to be produced, for the generation of pharmaceutical compositions of an antibody molecule, vectors which direct the expression of high levels of fusion protein products that are readily purified may be desirable. Such vectors include, but are not limited to, the *E. coli* expression vector pUR278 (Ruther et al., *EMBO J.* 2:1791 (1983)), in which the antibody coding sequence may be ligated individually into the vector in frame with the lac Z coding region so that a fusion protein is produced; pIN vectors (Inouye & Inouye, *Nucleic Acids Res.* 13:3101-3109 (1985); Van Hecke & Schuster, *J. Biol. Chem.* 264:5503-5509 (1989)); and the like. pGEX vectors may also be used to express foreign polypeptides as fusion proteins with glutathione S-transferase (GST). In general, such fusion proteins are soluble and can easily be purified

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from lysed cells by adsorption and binding to matrix glutathione agarose beads followed by elution in the presence of free glutathione. The pGEX vectors are designed to include thrombin or factor Xa protease cleavage sites so that the cloned target gene product can be released from the GST moiety.

In an insect system, *Autographa californica* nuclear polyhedrosis virus (AcNPV) may be used as a vector to express foreign genes. The virus grows in *Spodoptera frugiperda* cells. Antibody coding sequences may be cloned individually into non-essential regions (for example, the polyhedrin gene) of the virus and placed under control of an AcNPV promoter (for example, the polyhedrin promoter).

In mammalian host cells, a number of viral-based expression systems may be utilized. In cases where an adenovirus is used as an expression vector, the antibody coding sequence of interest may be ligated to an adenovirus transcription/translation control complex, e.g., the late promoter and tripartite leader sequence. This chimeric gene may then be inserted in the adenovirus genome by *in vitro* or *in vivo* recombination. Insertion in a non-essential region of the viral genome (e.g., region E1 or E3) will result in a recombinant virus that is viable and capable of expressing the antibody molecule in infected hosts (e.g., see Logan & Shenk, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 81:355-359 (1984)). Specific initiation signals may also be required for efficient translation of inserted antibody coding sequences. These signals include the ATG initiation codon and adjacent sequences. Furthermore, the initiation codon must be in phase with the reading frame of the desired coding sequence to ensure translation of the entire insert. These exogenous translational control signals and initiation codons can be of a variety of origins, both natural and synthetic. The efficiency of expression may be enhanced by the inclusion of appropriate transcription enhancer elements, transcription terminators, etc. (see, e.g., Bittner et al., *Methods in Enzymol.* 153:51-544 (1987)).

In addition, a host cell strain may be chosen which modulates the expression of the inserted sequences, or modifies and processes the gene product in the specific fashion desired. Such modifications (e.g., glycosylation) and processing (e.g., cleavage) of protein products may be important for the function of the protein. Different host cells have characteristic and specific mechanisms for the post-translational processing and modification of proteins and gene products. Appropriate cell lines or host systems can be chosen to ensure the correct modification and processing of the foreign protein expressed. To this end, eukaryotic host cells which possess the cellular machinery for proper processing of the primary transcript, glycosylation, and phosphorylation of the gene product may be used. Such mammalian host cells include, but are not limited to, CHO, VERO, BHK, HeLa, COS, NSO, MDCK, 293, 3T3, W138, and in particular, breast cancer cell lines such as, for example, BT483, Hs578T, HTB2, BT20 and T47D, and normal mammary gland cell line such as, for example, CRL7030 and Hs578Bst.

For long-term, high-yield production of recombinant proteins, stable expression is preferred. For example, cell lines which stably express the antibody may be engineered. Rather than using expression vectors which contain viral origins of replication, host cells can be transformed with DNA controlled by appropriate expression control elements (e.g., promoter, enhancer, sequences, transcription terminators, polyadenylation sites, etc.), and a selectable marker. Following the introduction of the foreign DNA, engineered cells may be allowed to grow for 1-2 days in an enriched

media, and then are switched to a selective media. The selectable marker in the recombinant plasmid confers resistance to the selection and allows cells to stably integrate the plasmid into their chromosomes and grow to form foci which in turn can be cloned and expanded into cell lines. This method may advantageously be used to engineer cell lines which express the antibody molecule. Such engineered cell lines may be particularly useful in screening and evaluation of compositions that interact directly or indirectly with the antibody molecule.

A number of selection systems may be used, including but not limited to, the herpes simplex virus thymidine kinase (Wigler et al., *Cell* 11:223 (1977)), hypoxanthineguanine phosphoribosyltransferase (Szybalska & Szybalski, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 48:202 (1992)), and adenine phosphoribosyltransferase (Lowy et al., *Cell* 22:8 17 (1980)) genes can be employed in tk-, hprt- or aprt-cells, respectively. Also, antimetabolite resistance can be used as the basis of selection for the following genes: dhfr, which confers resistance to methotrexate (Wigler et al., *Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 77:357 (1980); O'Hare et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 78:1527 (1981)); gpt, which confers resistance to mycophenolic acid (Mulligan & Berg, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 78:2072 (1981)); neo, which confers resistance to the aminoglycoside G-418 (*Clinical Pharmacy* 12:488-505; Wu and Wu, *Biotherapy* 3:87-95 (1991); Tolstoshev, *Ann. Rev. Pharmacol. Toxicol.* 32:573-596 (1993); Mulligan, *Science* 260:926-932 (1993); and Morgan and Anderson, *Ann. Rev. Biochem.* 62:191-217 (1993); TIB TECH 11(5):155-215 (May, 1993); and hygromycin, which confers resistance to hygromycin (Santerre et al., *Gene* 30:147 (1984)). Methods commonly known in the art of recombinant DNA technology may be routinely applied to select the desired recombinant clone, and such methods are described, for example, in Ausubel et al. (eds.), *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, John Wiley & Sons, NY (1993); Kriegler, *Gene Transfer and Expression, A Laboratory Manual*, Stockton Press, NY (1990); and in Chapters 12 and 13, Dracopoli et al. (eds), *Current Protocols in Human Genetics*, John Wiley & Sons, NY (1994); Colberre-Garapin et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 150:1 (1981), which are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

The expression levels of an antibody molecule can be increased by vector amplification (for a review, see Bebbington and Hentschel. The use of vectors based on gene amplification for the expression of cloned genes in mammalian cells in DNA cloning, Vol. 3. (Academic Press, New York, 1987)). When a marker in the vector system expressing antibody is amplifiable, increase in the level of inhibitor present in culture of host cell will increase the number of copies of the marker gene. Since the amplified region is associated with the coding sequence of the antibody, production of the antibody will also increase (Crouse et al., *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 3:257 (1983)).

The host cell may be co-transfected with two expression vectors of the invention, the first vector encoding a heavy chain derived polypeptide and the second vector encoding a light chain derived polypeptide. The two vectors may contain identical selectable markers which enable equal expression of heavy and light chain polypeptides. Alternatively, a single vector may be used which encodes, and is capable of expressing, both heavy and light chain polypeptides. In such situations, the light chain is preferably placed before the heavy chain to avoid an excess of toxic free heavy chain (Proudfoot, *Nature* 322:52 (1986); Kohler, *Proc. Natl. Acad.*

Sci. USA 77:2 197 (1980)). The coding sequences for the heavy and light chains may comprise cDNA or genomic DNA.

Once an antibody molecule of the invention has been produced by recombinant expression, it may be purified by any method known in the art for purification of an immunoglobulin molecule, or more generally, for purification of a protein, for example, by chromatography (e.g., ion exchange, affinity, particularly by affinity for the specific antigen after Protein A, and sizing column chromatography), centrifugation, differential solubility, or by any other standard technique for the purification of proteins. Further, the antibodies of the present invention may be fused to heterologous polypeptide sequences described herein or otherwise known in the art to facilitate purification.

Antibody Characterization

Antibodies of the present invention (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) may be characterized in a variety of ways. In particular, antibodies and related molecules of the invention may be assayed for the ability to immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., to the soluble form or the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator) using techniques described herein or routinely modifying techniques known in the art. B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator fragments that may be immunospecifically bound by the compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, human B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:3228 and/or 3229) or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on human monocytes; murine B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:3230 and/or 3231) or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on murine monocytes; rat B Lymphocyte Stimulator (either the soluble forms as given in SEQ ID NOS:3232, 3233, 3234 and/or 3235 or in a membrane associated form, e.g., on the surface of rat monocytes); or monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., the monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides of SEQ ID NOS:3236 and/or 3237, the soluble form of monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on monkey monocytes) or fragments thereof. Preferably compositions of the invention bind human B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:3228 and/or 3229) or fragments thereof. Assays for the ability of the antibodies of the invention to immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator may be performed in solution (e.g., Houghten, *Bio/Techniques* 13:412-421(1992)), on beads (e.g., Lam, *Nature* 354:82-84 (1991)), on chips (e.g., Fodor, *Nature* 364:555-556 (1993)), on bacteria (e.g., U.S. Pat. No. 5,223,409), on spores (e.g., U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,571,698; 5,403,484; and 5,223,409), on plasmids (e.g., Cull et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:1865-1869 (1992)) or on phage (e.g., Scott and Smith, *Science* 249:386-390 (1990); Devlin, *Science* 249:404-406 (1990); Cwirla et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 87:6378-6382 (1990); and Felici, *J. Mol. Biol.* 222:301-310 (1991)) (each of these references is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference). Antibodies that have been identified to immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator can then be assayed for their specificity and affinity for B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a fragment of B Lymphocyte Stimulator using or routinely modifying techniques described herein or otherwise known in the art.

The antibodies of the invention may be assayed for immunospecific binding to B Lymphocyte Stimulator and

cross-reactivity with other antigens by any method known in the art. In particular, the ability of an antibody to immunospecifically bind to the soluble form or membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator and the specificity of the antibody, fragment, or variant for B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide from a particular species (e.g., murine, monkey or human, preferably human) may be determined using or routinely modifying techniques described herein or otherwise known in art.

Immunoassays which can be used to analyze immunospecific binding and cross-reactivity include, but are not limited to, competitive and non-competitive assay systems using techniques such as western blots, radioimmunoassays, ELISA (enzyme linked immunosorbent assay), "sandwich" immunoassays, immunoprecipitation assays, precipitin reactions, gel diffusion precipitin reactions, immunodiffusion assays, agglutination assays, complement-fixation assays, immunoradiometric assays, fluorescent immunoassays, and protein A immunoassays, to name but a few. Such assays are routine and well known in the art (see, e.g., Ausubel et al., eds, 1994, *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, Vol. 1, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety). Exemplary immunoassays are described briefly below (but are not intended by way of limitation).

Immunoprecipitation protocols generally comprise lysing a population of cells in a lysis buffer such as RIPA buffer (1% NP-40 or Triton X-100, 1% sodium deoxycholate, 0.1% SDS, 0.15 M NaCl, 0.01 M sodium phosphate at pH 7.2, 1% Trasyol) supplemented with protein phosphatase and/or protease inhibitors (e.g., EDTA, PMSF, aprotinin, sodium vanadate), adding the antibody of interest to the cell lysate, incubating for a period of time (e.g., 1 to 4 hours) at 40 degrees C., adding protein A and/or protein G sepharose beads to the cell lysate, incubating for about an hour or more at 40 degrees C., washing the beads in lysis buffer and resuspending the beads in SDS/sample buffer. The ability of the antibody of interest to immunoprecipitate a particular antigen can be assessed by, e.g., western blot analysis. One of skill in the art would be knowledgeable as to the parameters that can be modified to increase the binding of the antibody to an antigen and decrease the background (e.g., pre-clearing the cell lysate with sepharose beads). For further discussion regarding immunoprecipitation protocols see, e.g., Ausubel et al., eds, 1994, *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, Vol. 1, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York at 10.16.1.

Western blot analysis generally comprises preparing protein samples, electrophoresis of the protein samples in a polyacrylamide gel (e.g., 8%-20% SDS-PAGE depending on the molecular weight of the antigen), transferring the protein sample from the polyacrylamide gel to a membrane such as nitrocellulose, PVDF or nylon, blocking the membrane in blocking solution (e.g., PBS with 3% BSA or non-fat milk), washing the membrane in washing buffer (e.g., PBS-Tween 20), blocking the membrane with primary antibody (the antibody of interest) diluted in blocking buffer, washing the membrane in washing buffer, blocking the membrane with a secondary antibody (which recognizes the primary antibody, e.g., an anti-human antibody) conjugated to an enzymatic substrate (e.g., horseradish peroxidase or alkaline phosphatase) or radioactive molecule (e.g., ^{32}P or ^{125}I) diluted in blocking buffer, washing the membrane in wash buffer, and detecting the presence of the antigen. One of skill in the art would be knowledgeable as to the parameters that can be modified to increase the signal detected and to reduce the background noise. For further discussion

regarding western blot protocols see, e.g., Ausubel et al., eds, 1994, *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, Vol. 1, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York at 10.8.1.

ELISAs comprise preparing antigen, coating the well of a 96-well microtiter plate with the antigen, washing away antigen that did not bind the wells, adding the antibody of interest conjugated to a detectable compound such as an enzymatic substrate (e.g., horseradish peroxidase or alkaline phosphatase) to the wells and incubating for a period of time, washing away unbound antibodies or non-specifically bound antibodies, and detecting the presence of the antibodies specifically bound to the antigen coating the well. In ELISAs the antibody of interest does not have to be conjugated to a detectable compound; instead, a second antibody (which recognizes the antibody of interest) conjugated to a detectable compound may be added to the well. Further, instead of coating the well with the antigen, the antibody may be coated to the well. In this case, the detectable molecule could be the antigen conjugated to a detectable compound such as an enzymatic substrate (e.g., horseradish peroxidase or alkaline phosphatase). One of skill in the art would be knowledgeable as to the parameters that can be modified to increase the signal detected as well as other variations of ELISAs known in the art. For further discussion regarding ELISAs see, e.g., Ausubel et al., eds, 1994, *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, Vol. 1, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York at 11.2.1.

The binding affinity of an antibody (including an scFv or other molecule comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) to an antigen and the off-rate of an antibody-antigen interaction can be determined by competitive binding assays. One example of a competitive binding assay is a radioimmunoassay comprising the incubation of labeled antigen (e.g., ^3H or ^{125}I) with the antibody of interest in the presence of increasing amounts of unlabeled antigen, and the detection of the antibody bound to the labeled antigen. The affinity of the antibody of the present invention for B Lymphocyte Stimulator and the binding off-rates can be determined from the data by Scatchard plot analysis. Competition with a second antibody can also be determined using radioimmunoassays. In this case, B Lymphocyte Stimulator is incubated with an antibody of the present invention conjugated to a labeled compound (e.g., ^3H or ^{125}I) in the presence of increasing amounts of an unlabeled second anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody.

In a preferred embodiment, BIAcore kinetic analysis is used to determine the binding on and off rates of antibodies (including an scFv or other molecule comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or fragments of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. BIAcore kinetic analysis comprises analyzing the binding and dissociation of B Lymphocyte Stimulator from chips with immobilized antibodies on their surface as described in detail in Examples 6, 12, 17 and 18, infra.

The antibodies of the invention (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) can also be assayed for their ability to inhibit, increase, or not significantly alter, the binding of B Lymphocyte Stimulator to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor (e.g., TACI and BCMA) using techniques known to those of skill in the art. For example, cells expressing a receptor for B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., IM9, REH, ARH-77 cells, Namalwa, and RPMI-8226 B cell tumor lines as well as peripheral CD20+ B cells) can be contacted with B Lymphocyte Stimulator in the presence or absence of an antibody, and the ability of the antibody to

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inhibit, increase, or not significantly alter, B Lymphocyte Stimulator binding to the cells can be measured. B Lymphocyte Stimulator binding to cells can be measured by, for example, flow cytometry or a scintillation assay. B Lymphocyte Stimulator or the antibody can be labeled with a detectable compound such as a radioactive label (e.g., ^{32}P , ^{35}S , and ^{125}I) or a fluorescent label (e.g., fluorescein isothiocyanate, rhodamine, phycoerythrin, phycocyanin, allophycocyanin, α -phthalaldehyde and fluorescamine) to enable detection of an interaction between B Lymphocyte Stimulator and a B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor and/or B Lymphocyte Stimulator and an antibody of the invention. Alternatively, the ability of antibodies of the invention to inhibit, increase, or not significantly alter, B Lymphocyte Stimulator binding to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor can be determined in cell-free assays. For example, native or recombinant B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., that having the amino acid sequence of amino acids 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228) or a fragment thereof can be contacted with an antibody and the ability of the antibody to inhibit, increase, or not significantly alter, B Lymphocyte Stimulator from binding to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor can be determined. Preferably, the antibody is immobilized on a solid support and B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a B Lymphocyte Stimulator fragment is labeled with a detectable compound. Alternatively, B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a B Lymphocyte Stimulator fragment is immobilized on a solid support and the antibody is labeled with a detectable compound. B Lymphocyte Stimulator may be partially or completely purified (e.g., partially or completely free of other polypeptides) or part of a cell lysate. Further, the B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide may be a fusion protein comprising B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a biologically active portion thereof and a domain such as an Immunoglobulin Fc or glutathione-S-transferase. For example, amino acid residues 1-154 of TACI (GenBank accession number AAC51790), or 1-48 of BCMA (GenBank accession number NP_001183) may be fused to the Fc region of an IgG molecule and used in a cell free assay to determine the ability of antibodies of the invention to inhibit, increase, or not significantly alter, B Lymphocyte Stimulator binding to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor. Alternatively, B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be biotinylated using techniques well known to those of skill in the art (e.g., biotinylation kit, Pierce Chemicals; Rockford, Ill.).

The antibodies of the invention (including scFvs or other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), can also be assayed for their ability to inhibit, stimulate, or not significantly alter, B Lymphocyte Stimulator-induced B-cell proliferation using techniques known to those of skill in the art. For example, B-cell proliferation can be assayed by ^3H -thymidine incorporation assays and trypan blue cell counts (see, e.g., Moore et al., Science 285: 260-263 (1999)). Further, the antibodies of the invention, or fragments or variants thereof, can be assayed for their ability to block, stimulate, or not significantly alter, B Lymphocyte Stimulator-induced activation of cellular signaling molecules and transcription factors such as calcium-modulator and cyclophilin ligand ("CAML"), calcineurin, nuclear factor of activated T cells transcription factor ("NF-AT"), nuclear factor-kappa B ("NF-kappa B"), and AP-1 using techniques known to those of skill in the art (see, e.g., von Bulow and Bram, Science 278:138-141 (1997)). For example, NF-AT activity can be determined by electromobility gel shift assays, by detecting the expression of a protein known to be regulated by NF-AT (e.g., IL-2 expression), by detecting the induction of a reporter gene

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(e.g., an NF-AT regulatory element operably linked to a nucleic acid encoding a detectable marker such as luciferase, beta-galactosidase or chloramphenicol acetyltransferase (CAT)), or by detecting a cellular response (e.g., cellular differentiation, or cell proliferation).

The antibodies of the invention, or fragments or variants thereof can also be assayed for their ability to neutralize, enhance, or not significantly alter, B Lymphocyte Stimulator activity. For example, antibodies or fragments or variants thereof, may be routinely tested for their ability to inhibit B Lymphocyte Stimulator from binding to cells expressing the receptor for B Lymphocyte Stimulator (see Example 3, *infra*).

Selection and Screening for Antibodies that Immunospecifically Bind to Soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator

Antibodies of the invention (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) may be screened in a variety of assays to identify those antibodies that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In one particular assay, antibodies that bind to the biotinylated soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in solution are captured on streptavidin coated magnetic beads. This assay may be relatively applied to identify antibodies of the invention that neutralize and/or bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Additionally, antibodies may be assayed in neutralization assays described herein or otherwise known in the art (see Example 3, *infra*). For example, antibodies may be tested for their ability to inhibit soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator) from binding to IM9 cells. In this assay, labeled soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator) is incubated with candidate anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibodies to allow for the formation of B Lymphocyte Stimulator-anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody complexes. Following incubation, an aliquot of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator-anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody sample is added to IM9 cells. The binding of soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator may be determined using techniques known in the art. For example, the binding of biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator to IM9 cells may be detected using a fluorimeter following the addition of streptavidin-delfia. Biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator, if it is not bound by antibodies that neutralize B Lymphocyte Stimulator, binds to the cells is detected. Thus, an antibody that decreases the amount of bio-B Lymphocyte Stimulator that binds to IM-9 cells (relative to a control sample in which the B Lymphocyte Stimulator had been preincubated with an irrelevant antibody or no antibody at all) is identified as one that binds to and neutralizes the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In another assay, antibodies are screened using ELISAs for those antibodies that bind to biotinylated soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator, but do not bind membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator, such as, for example, B Lymphocyte Stimulator on membranes from U937 cells (see Examples 2 and 9, *infra*). In these assays, soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator) and membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., on U937 membranes) are incubated in separate samples with the same antibodies and those antibodies that bind to the soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator (biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator), but not membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., on U937 membranes) are captured and identified.

Antibodies of the invention (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, anti-

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body fragments or variants thereof) may be tested to identify those antibodies that do not cross-react with APRIL, endokine-alpha, VEGI, TRAIL, TNF-alpha, TNF-beta, Fas-L, LIGHT, and PBS (see Example 4, *infra*). Antibodies may also be tested for their affinity for B Lymphocyte Stimulator using, for example, BLAcore analysis (see Examples 6, 12, 17 and 18 *infra*). Antibodies may also be tested for their ability to stimulate, inhibit, or not alter, B Lymphocyte Stimulator-induced immunoglobulin production and/or B-cell proliferation using techniques known to those of skill in the art. For example, human B-cells, B Lymphocyte Stimulator and antibodies may be incubated together in 96 well plates and ³H-thymidine incorporation may be measured using a scintillation counter.

Selection and Screening for Antibodies that Immunospecifically Bind to Membrane-Bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator

Antibodies of the invention (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) may be screened in a variety of assays to identify those antibodies that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In one particular assay, antibodies that bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator on U937 membranes or immobilized histidine-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator are captured. Other cell lines that express B Lymphocyte Stimulator that might be useful for testing antibody binding to membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator include, K-562, HL-60 and THP-1 cells. In another assay, antibodies are screened using ELISAs for those antibodies (or antibody fragments or variants) that bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator on U937 membranes or to histidine-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In this assay, antibodies are added to 96 well plates coated with U937 membranes or histidine-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator and those antibodies or antibody fragments or variants that bind to the U937 membranes or histidine-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator are captured. In another assay, antibodies are screened using ELISAs for those antibodies (or antibody fragments or variants thereof) that do not bind to biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator (soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator) but bind to membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator, such as, for example, that on membranes from U937 cells (see Example 2, *infra*). In these assays, soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator) and membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., on U937 membranes) are incubated in separate samples with the same antibodies (or antibody fragments or variants) and those antibodies (or antibody fragments or variants) that do not bind to the soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator (biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator), but bind the membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., on U937 membranes) are captured and identified. In other assays, antibodies are screened using ELISAs to determine which of the antibodies (or antibody fragments or variants) that bind to histidine-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator or membranes from U937 cells do not cross-react with APRIL, endokine-alpha, VEGI, TRAIL, TNF-alpha, TNF-beta, Fas-L, LIGHT, and PBS (See Example 4, *infra*). ELISAs can also be used to determine which of the antibodies (or antibody fragments or variants) that bind to histidine-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator or membranes from U937 cells bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator in the presence of TNF-alpha (see Example 4, *infra*). Antibodies or fragments or variants thereof that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator may also be tested for their affinity

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for histidine-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator using high-throughput BLAcore analysis (see Example 14, *infra*).

Additionally, antibodies of the invention may be screened against cells engineered to express an "uncleavable" form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in order to determine their specificity for the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Mutations in B Lymphocyte Stimulator which may achieve this result include, but are not limited to, the mutation or deletion of amino acid residues Lys-132 and/or Arg-133 of the B Lymphocyte Stimulator sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:3228. A typical mutagenesis might include mutation of one or both of residues Lys-132 or Arg-133 to alanine residues. Cells expressing such an "uncleavable" form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator provide a profound reagent to use in assaying the ability of antibodies to bind the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

Selection and Screening for Antibodies that Immunospecifically Bind to Soluble and Membrane-Bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator

Antibodies of the invention (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants) may be screened in a variety of assays to identify those antibodies or antibody fragments or variants that immunospecifically bind to the soluble form and membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In one particular assay, antibodies that bind to immobilized B Lymphocyte Stimulator are captured. In another assay, antibodies are screened using ELISAs for those antibodies (or antibody fragments or variants) that inhibit the binding of soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g. soluble bio-B Lymphocyte Stimulator) to IM-9 cells as described *supra*. In other assays, antibodies are screened using ELISAs for those antibodies that bind to membranes from U937 cells. Additionally, further ELISA assays may be performed using techniques known in the art to determine which antibodies do not cross-react with APRIL, endokine-alpha, VEGI, TRAIL, TNF-alpha, TNF-beta, Fas-L, LIGHT, and PBS, or those antibodies that bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator in the presence of TNF-alpha (see Example 4 *infra*). Antibodies may be assayed in neutralization assays using techniques described herein or otherwise known in the art. Antibodies that immunospecifically bind to the soluble and membrane-bound forms of B Lymphocyte Stimulator may also be tested for their affinity for B Lymphocyte Stimulator using high-throughput BLAcore analysis.

Antibody Conjugates

The present invention encompasses antibodies (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), recombinantly fused or chemically conjugated (including both covalent and non-covalent conjugations) to a heterologous polypeptide (or portion thereof, preferably at least 10, at least 20, at least 30, at least 40, at least 50, at least 60, at least 70, at least 80, at least 90 or at least 100 amino acids of the polypeptide) to generate fusion proteins. The fusion does not necessarily need to be direct, but may occur through linker sequences. For example, antibodies of the invention may be used to target heterologous polypeptides to particular cell types (e.g., cells of monocytic lineage and B-cells), either *in vitro* or *in vivo*, by fusing or conjugating the heterologous polypeptides to antibodies of the invention that are specific for particular cell surface antigens (e.g., membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator on cells of monocytic lineage) or which bind antigens that bind particular cell surface receptors (e.g., TACI and/or BCMA located on B cells). Antibodies fused or conjugated to

heterologous polypeptides may also be used in *in vitro* immunoassays and purification methods using methods known in the art. See e.g., Harbor et al., *supra*, and PCT publication WO 93/2 1232; EP 439,095; Naramura et al., *Immunol. Lett.* 39:91-99 (1994); U.S. Pat. No. 5,474,981; Gillies et al., *PNAS* 89:1428-1432 (1992); Fell et al., *J. Immunol.* 146:2446-2452 (1991), which are incorporated by reference in their entireties.

In one embodiment, a fusion protein comprises a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one of the VH domains referred to in Table 1, and a heterologous polypeptide. In another embodiment, a fusion protein comprises a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDR1s referred to in Table 1, and a heterologous polypeptide. In another embodiment, a fusion protein comprises a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDR2s referred to in Table 1, and a heterologous polypeptide. In a preferred embodiment, a fusion protein comprises a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDR3s referred to in Table 1 (i.e., SEQ ID NOS:2129-3227), and a heterologous polypeptide.

In another embodiment, a fusion protein comprises a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VL domains referred to in Table 1, and a heterologous polypeptide. In another embodiment, a fusion protein comprises a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VL CDR1s referred to in Table 1, and a heterologous polypeptide. In yet another embodiment, a fusion protein comprises a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VL CDR2s referred to in Table 1, and a heterologous polypeptide. In a preferred embodiment, a fusion protein comprises a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VL CDR3s referred to in Table 1, and a heterologous polypeptide.

In another embodiment, a fusion protein comprises a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH domains referred to in Table 1, and one or more VL domains referred to in Table 1, and a heterologous polypeptide. In another embodiment, a fusion protein of the present invention comprises a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of any one of the VH CDRs referred to in Table 1, and any one of the VL CDRs referred to in Table 1, and a heterologous polypeptide.

The present invention further includes compositions comprising, or alternatively consisting of, heterologous polypeptides fused or conjugated to antibody fragments. For example, the heterologous polypeptides may be fused or conjugated to a Fab fragment, Fd fragment, Fv fragment, F(ab)₂ fragment, or a portion thereof. Methods for fusing or conjugating polypeptides to antibody portions are known in the art. See, e.g., U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,336,603; 5,622,929; 5,359,046; 5,349,053; 5,447,851; 5,112,946; EP 307,434; EP 367,166; PCT publications WO 96/04388; WO 91/06570; Ashkenazi et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 88: 10535-10539 (1991); Zheng et al., *J. Immunol.* 154:5590-5600 (1995); and Vil et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:11337-11341 (1992) (said references incorporated by reference in their entireties).

Additional fusion proteins of the invention may be generated through the techniques of gene-shuffling, motif-shuffling, exon-shuffling, and/or codon-shuffling (collectively referred to as "DNA shuffling"). DNA shuffling may be employed to modulate the activities of antibodies (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), such methods can be used to generate antibodies with altered

activity (e.g., antibodies with higher affinities and lower dissociation rates). See, generally, U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,605,793; 5,811,238; 5,830,721; 5,834,252; and 5,837,458, and Patten et al., *Curr. Opin. Biotechnol.* 8:724-33 (1997); Haryama, *Trends Biotechnol.* 16(2):76-82 (1998); Hansson, et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 287:265-76 (1999); and Lorenzo and Blasco, *Biotechniques* 24(2):308-13 (1998) (each of these patents and publications are hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety). In one embodiment, polynucleotides encoding antibodies of the invention may be altered by being subjected to random mutagenesis by error-prone PCR, random nucleotide insertion or other methods prior to recombination. In another embodiment, one or more portions of a polynucleotide encoding an antibody which portions immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator may be recombined with one or more components, motifs, sections, parts, domains, fragments, etc. of one or more heterologous molecules.

Moreover, the antibodies of the present invention (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), can be fused to marker sequences, such as a polypeptides to facilitate purification. In preferred embodiments, the marker amino acid sequence is a hexa-histidine polypeptide, such as the tag provided in a pQE vector (QIAGEN, Inc., 9259 Eton Avenue, Chatsworth, Calif., 91311), among others, many of which are commercially available. As described in Gentz et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 86:821-824 (1989), for instance, hexa-histidine provides for convenient purification of the fusion protein. Other peptide tags useful for purification include, but are not limited to, the hemagglutinin "HA" tag, which corresponds to an epitope derived from the influenza hemagglutinin protein (Wilson et al., *Crit. Rev. Biochem. (1984)*) and the "flag" tag (DYKDDDDK, (SEQ ID No: 3238) Stratagene, La Jolla, Calif.).

The present invention further encompasses antibodies (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), conjugated to a diagnostic or therapeutic agent. The antibodies can be used diagnostically to, for example, monitor or prognose the development or progression of a tumor as part of a clinical testing procedure to, e.g., determine the efficacy of a given treatment regimen. Detection can be facilitated by coupling the antibody to a detectable substance. Examples of detectable substances include, but are not limited to, various enzymes, prosthetic groups, fluorescent materials, luminescent materials, bioluminescent materials, radioactive materials, positron emitting metals using various positron emission tomographies, and nonradioactive paramagnetic metal ions. The detectable substance may be coupled or conjugated either directly to the antibody or indirectly, through an intermediate (such as, for example, a linker known in the art) using techniques known in the art. See, for example, U.S. Pat. No. 4,741,900 for metal ions which can be conjugated to antibodies for use as diagnostics according to the present invention. Examples of suitable enzymes include, but are not limited to, horseradish peroxidase, alkaline phosphatase, beta-galactosidase, or acetylcholinesterase; examples of suitable prosthetic group complexes include, but are not limited to, streptavidin/biotin and avidin/biotin; examples of suitable fluorescent materials include, but are not limited to, umbelliferone, fluorescein, fluorescein isothiocyanate, rhodamine, dichlorotriazinylamine fluorescein, dansyl chloride or phycoerythrin; an example of a luminescent material includes, but is not limited to, luminol; examples of bioluminescent materials include, but are not limited to, luciferase, luciferin, and aequorin; and examples

of suitable radioactive material include, but are not limited to, iodine (^{131}I , ^{125}I , ^{127}I), carbon (^{14}C), sulfur (^{35}S), tritium (^3H), indium (^{115}mIn , ^{115}In , ^{112}In , ^{111}In), and technetium ($^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$), thallium (^{201}Tl), gallium (^{67}Ga , ^{67}Ga), palladium (^{103}Pd), molybdenum (^{99}Mo), xenon (^{133}Xe), fluorine (^{18}F), ^{153}Sm , ^{177}Lu , ^{159}Gd , ^{149}Pm , ^{140}La , ^{175}Yb , ^{166}Ho , ^{90}Y , ^{47}Sc , ^{187}Re , ^{188}Re , ^{142}Pr , ^{103}Rh , ^{97}Ru , ^{68}Ge , ^{57}Co , ^{65}Zn , ^{82}Sr , ^{32}P , ^{153}Gd , ^{169}Yb , ^{51}Cr , ^{55}Mn , ^{75}Se , ^{113}Sn , and ^{117}In .

Further, an antibody of the invention (including an scFv or other molecule comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), may be conjugated to a therapeutic moiety such as a cytotoxin, e.g., a cytostatic or cytotoxic agent, a therapeutic agent or a radioactive metal ion, e.g., alpha-emitters such as, for example, ^{213}Bi . In specific embodiments, antibodies of the invention are attached to macrocyclic chelators useful for conjugating radiometal ions, including but not limited to, ^{111}In , ^{177}Lu , ^{90}Y , ^{166}Ho , and ^{153}Sm , to polypeptides. In preferred embodiments, the radiometal ion associated with the macrocyclic chelators attached to antibodies of the invention is ^{111}In . In preferred embodiments, the radiometal ion associated with the macrocyclic chelators attached to antibodies of the invention is ^{90}Y . In specific embodiments, the macrocyclic chelator is 1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane-N,N',N'',N'''-tetraacetic acid (DOTA). In other specific embodiments, the DOTA is attached to the antibody of the invention via a linker molecule. Examples of linker molecules useful for conjugating DOTA to a polypeptide are commonly known in the art—see, for example, DeNardo et al., *Clin Cancer Res.* 10(10):2483–90, 1998; Peterson et al., *Bioconjug. Chem.* 10(4):553–7, 1999; and Zimmerman et al., *Nucl. Med. Biol.* 26(8):943–50, 1999 which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

A cytotoxin or cytotoxic agent includes any agent that is detrimental to cells and includes such molecules as small molecule toxins and enzymatically active toxins of bacterial, fungal, plant, or animal origin, or fragments thereof. Examples include, but are not limited to, paclitaxol, cytochalasin B, gramicidin D, ethidium bromide, emetine, mitomycin, etoposide (VP-16), teniposide, vincristine, vinblastine, colchicin, doxorubicin, daunorubicin, dihydroxy anthracin dione, mitoxantrone, mithramycin, actinomycin D, 1-dehydrocortisone, glucocorticoids, procaine, tetracaine, lidocaine, propranolol, thymidine kinase, endonuclease, RNase, and purinomycin and fragments, variants or homologs thereof. Therapeutic agents include, but are not limited to, antimetabolites (e.g., methotrexate, 6-mercaptopurine, 6-thioguanine, cytarabine, 5-fluorouracil decarbazine), alkylating agents (e.g., mechlorethamine, thioepa chlorambucil, melphalan, carmustine (BSNU) and lomustine (CCNU), cyclophosphamide, busulfan, dibromomannitol, streptozotocin, mitomycin C, and cisidichlorodiamine platinum (II) (DDP) cisplatin), antineoplastic agents (e.g., daunorubicin (formerly daunomycin) and doxorubicin), antibiotics (e.g., dactinomycin (formerly actinomycin), bleomycin, mithramycin, and anthracycline (AMC)), and anti-mitotic agents (e.g., vincristine and vinblastine), imiprosulfan, piposulfan, benzodopa, carboquinox, meturedopa, uredopa, altretamine, triethylenemelamine, triethylenephosphoramide, triethylenethiophosphoramide trimethylololomelamine, chlormaphazine, cholophosphamide, estramustine, ifosfamide, novembicin, phenesterine, prednimustine, trofosfamide, uracil mustard, chlorozotocin, fotemustine, nimustine, ranimustine, acalimustine, azaserine, cactinomycin, calicheamicin, carabacin, carminomycin, carzinophillin, chromomycins, detorubicin, 6-diazo-5-oxo-1-norleucine, epiru-

bicin, esorubicin, idarubicin, marcellomycin, mycophenolic acid, nogalamycin, olivomycins, pempomycin, pottiomycin, quelamycin, rodorubicin, streptogin, tubercidin, ubenimex, zinostatin, zorubicin, denopterin, pteropterin, trimetrexate, fludarabine, thiampirine, acitabine, azacitidine, 6-azauridine, carmofur, didoxuridine, doxifluridine, encitabine, flouxuridine, 5-FU, calusterone, dromostanolone propionate, epitiostanol, mepitiostane, testolactone, aminoglutethimide, mitotane, trilostane, frolic acid, acetylglutathione, aldophosphamide glycoside, aminolevulinic acid, asmsarine, bestrabucil, bisantrene, edatraxate, defofamine, dermocoline, diaziquone, elformithine, elliptinium acetate, etoglucid, gallium nitrate, hydroxyurea, lentinan, lonidamine, mitoguazone, mepidolamide, nitracrine, pentostatin, phenamet, pirarubicin, podophyllin acid, 2-ethylthiazide, procarbazine, PSKO, razoxane, sizofiran, spirogermanium, tenazonic acid, triaziquone, 2, 2', 2''-trichlorotriethylamine, urethan, vindesine, dacarbazine, mannomustine, mitobronitol, mitolactol, pipobroman, gacytosine, arabinoside ("Ara-C"), taxoids, e.g. paclitaxel (TAXOL), Bristol-Myers Squibb Oncology, Princeton, N.J.) doxetaxel (TAXOTERE), Rh6ne-Poulenc Rorer, Antony, France), gemcitabine, ifosfamide, vinorelbine, navelbine, novantrone, teniposide, aminopterin, xeloda, ibandronate, CPT-11, topoisomerase inhibitor RFS 2000, difluoromethylomithine (DMFO), retinoic acid, esperamicins, capecitabine, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, acids or derivatives of any of the above. Also included in this definition are anti-hormonal agents that act to regulate or inhibit hormone action on tumors such as anti-estrogens including for example tamoxifen, raloxifene, aromatase inhibiting 4(5)-imidazoles, 4-hydroxytoremifene, toremifene, keoxifene, LY 117018, onapristone, toremifene (Fareston), and anti-androgens such as flutamide, nilutamide, bicalutamide, leuprolide, and goserelin, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, acids or derivatives of any of the above.

Techniques known in the art may be applied to label antibodies of the invention. Such techniques include, but are not limited to, the use of bifunctional conjugating agents (see e.g., U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,756,065; 5,714,631; 5,696,239; 5,652,361; 5,505,931; 5,489,425; 5,435,990; 5,428,139; 5,342,604; 5,274,119; 4,994,560; and 5,808,003; the contents of each of which are hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety) and direct coupling reactions (e.g., Bolton-Hunter and Chloramine-T reaction).

The antibodies of the invention which are conjugates can be used for modifying a given biological response, the therapeutic agent or drug moiety is not to be construed as limited to classical chemical therapeutic agents. For example, the drug moiety may be a protein or polypeptide possessing a desired biological activity. Such proteins may include, but are not limited to, for example, a toxin such as abrin, ricin A, alpha toxin, pseudomonas exotoxin, or diphtheria toxin, saporin, momordin, gelonin, pokeweed antiviral protein, alpha-sarcin and cholera toxin; a protein such as tumor necrosis factor, alpha-interferon, beta-interferon, nerve growth factor, platelet derived growth factor, tissue plasminogen activator, an apoptotic agent, e.g., TNF-alpha, TNF-beta, AIM I (see, International Publication No. WO 97/33899), AIM II (see, International Publication No. WO 97/34911), Fas Ligand (Takahashi et al., *Int. Immunol.* 6:1567–1574 (1994)), VEGF (see, International Publication No. WO 99/23105), a thrombotic agent or an anti-angiogenic agent, e.g., angiostatin or endostatin; or biological response modifiers such as, for example, lymphokines, interleukin-1 (IL-1), interleukin-2 (IL-2), interleukin-6 (IL-

6), granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), granulocyte colony stimulating factor (G-CSF), or other growth factors.

Antibodies of the invention (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), may also be attached to solid supports, which are particularly useful for immunoassays or purification of the target antigen. Such solid supports include, but are not limited to, glass, cellulose, polyacrylamide, nylon, polystyrene, polyvinyl chloride or polypropylene.

Techniques for conjugating a therapeutic moiety to antibodies are well known, see, e.g., Arnon et al., "Monoclonal Antibodies For Immunotargeting Of Drugs In Cancer Therapy", in *Monoclonal Antibodies And Cancer Therapy*, Reisfeld et al. (eds.), pp. 243-56 (Alan R. Liss, Inc. 1985); Hellstrom et al., "Antibodies For Drug Delivery", in *Controlled Drug Delivery* (2nd Ed.), Robinson et al. (eds.), pp. 623-53 (Marcel Dekker, Inc. 1987); Thorpe, "Antibody Carriers Of Cytotoxic Agents In Cancer Therapy: A Review", in *Monoclonal Antibodies '84: Biological And Clinical Applications*, Pinchera et al. (eds.), pp. 475-506 (1985); "Analysis, Results, And Future Prospective Of The Therapeutic Use Of Radiolabeled Antibody In Cancer Therapy", in *Monoclonal Antibodies For Cancer Detection And Therapy*, Baldwin et al. (eds.), pp. 303-16 (Academic Press 1985), and Thorpe et al., "The Preparation And Cytotoxic Properties Of Antibody-Toxin Conjugates", *Immunol. Rev.* 62:119-58 (1982).

Alternatively, an antibody of the invention can be conjugated to a second antibody to form an antibody heteroconjugate as described by Segal in U.S. Pat. No. 4,676,980, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

An antibody of the invention (including an scFv or and other molecule comprising, or alternatively consisting of, an antibody fragment or variant thereof), with or without a therapeutic moiety conjugated to it, administered alone or in combination with cytotoxic factor(s) and/or cytokine(s) can be used as a therapeutic.

Use of Antibodies for Epitope Mapping

The present invention provides antibodies (including scFvs and other molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof), that can be used to identify epitopes of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In particular, the antibodies of the present invention can be used to identify epitopes of human B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:3228 and/or 3229) or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on human monocytes; murine B Lymphocyte Stimulator (SEQ ID NOS:3230 and/or 3231) or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on murine monocytes; rat B Lymphocyte Stimulator (either the soluble forms as given in SEQ ID NOS:3232, 3233, 3234 and/or 3235 or in a membrane associated form, e.g., on the surface of rat monocytes); or monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., the monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides of SEQ ID NOS:3236 and/or 3237, the soluble form of monkey B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or B Lymphocyte Stimulator expressed on monkey monocytes) using techniques described herein or otherwise known in the art. Fragments which function as epitopes may be produced by any conventional means. (See, e.g., Houghten, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 82:5131-5135 (1985), further described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,631,211.)

Diagnostic Uses of Antibodies

Labeled antibodies of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody frag-

ments or variants thereof) which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognose, or monitor diseases and/or disorders associated with the aberrant expression and/or activity of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor. The invention provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample from an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase or decrease in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of aberrant expression.

By "biological sample" is intended any fluids and/or cells obtained from an individual, body fluid, body tissue, body cell, cell line, tissue culture, or other source which may contain B Lymphocyte Stimulator protein or mRNA. Body fluids include, but are not limited to, sera, plasma, urine, synovial fluid, spinal fluid, saliva, and mucus. Tissues samples may be taken from virtually any tissue in the body. Tissue samples may also be obtained from autopsy material. Methods for obtaining tissue biopsies and body fluids from mammals are well known in the art. Where the biological sample is to include mRNA, a tissue biopsy is the preferred source.

The invention also provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor comprising (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor in a biological sample from an individual using one or more antibodies or fragments or variants thereof that immunospecifically binds only to soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator, but does not inhibit B Lymphocyte Stimulator/B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor binding. Such an antibody, by way of an example that is not to be construed as limiting, would be one that is able to capture a biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator from solution (see Example 8), but that would not prevent B Lymphocyte Stimulator from binding to IM-9 cells (see Example 3), and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor, e.g., in normal tissue or cell samples, whereby an increase or decrease in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor is indicative of aberrant expression.

Antibodies of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognose, or monitor autoimmune disorders and/or immunodeficiencies, and/or diseases or conditions associated therewith. The invention provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample from an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase or decrease in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of an autoimmune disorder or disease and/or an immunodeficiency. In specific embodiments, an increase in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte

Stimulator is indicative of an autoimmune disorder or disease. In other specific embodiments, a decrease in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of an immunodeficiency.

Antibodies of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator but, do not inhibit B Lymphocyte Stimulator/B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor binding can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognosis, or monitor autoimmune disorders and/or immunodeficiencies, and/or diseases or conditions associated therewith. The invention provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor in a biological sample from an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase or decrease in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor is indicative of an autoimmune disorder or disease and/or an immunodeficiency. In specific embodiments, an increase in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor is indicative of an autoimmune disorder or disease. In other specific embodiments, a decrease in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor is indicative of an immunodeficiency.

Autoimmune disorders, diseases, or conditions that may be detected, diagnosed, prognosis, or monitored using the antibodies of the invention include, but are not limited to, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, autoimmune neonatal thrombocytopenia, idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura, autoimmune neutropenia, autoimmune neutropenia, hemolytic anemia, antiphospholipid syndrome, dermatitis, gluten-sensitive enteropathy, allergic encephalomyelitis, myocarditis, relapsing polychondritis, rheumatic heart disease, glomerulonephritis (e.g., IgA nephropathy), Multiple Sclerosis, Neuritis, Uveitis Ophthalmia, Polyendocrinopathies, Purpura (e.g., Henoch-Schoenlein purpura), Reiter's Disease, Stillman Syndrome, Autoimmune Pulmonary Inflammation, myocarditis, IgA glomerulonephritis, dense deposit disease, rheumatic heart disease, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, diabetes mellitus (e.g., Type I diabetes mellitus or insulin dependent diabetes mellitus), juvenile onset diabetes, and autoimmune inflammatory eye, autoimmune thyroiditis, hypothyroidism (i.e., Hashimoto's thyroiditis), systemic lupus erythematosus, discoid lupus, Goodpasture's syndrome, Pemphigus, Receptor autoimmunities such as, for example, (a) Graves' Disease, (b) Myasthenia Gravis, and (c) insulin resistance, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, autoimmune thrombocytopenic purpura, rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma with anti-collagen antibodies, mixed connective tissue disease, polymyositis/dermatomyositis, pernicious anemia (Addison's disease), idiopathic Addison's disease, infertility, glomerulonephritis such as primary glomerulonephritis and IgA nephropathy, bullous pemphigoid, Sjögren's syndrome, diabetes mellitus, and adrenergic drug resistance (including adrenergic drug resistance with asthma or cystic fibrosis), chronic active hepatitis, primary biliary cirrhosis, endocrine gland failure, vitiligo, vasculitis, post-MI, cardiomyopathy syndrome, urticaria, atopic dermatitis, asthma, inflammatory myopathies, and other inflammatory, granulomatous, degenerative, and atrophic disorders and other disorders such as inflammatory skin diseases including psoriasis

and sclerosis, responses associated with inflammatory bowel disease (such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis), respiratory distress syndrome (including adult respiratory distress syndrome, ARDS), meningitis, encephalitis, colitis, allergic conditions such as eczema and other conditions involving infiltration of T cells and chronic inflammatory responses, atherosclerosis, leukocyte adhesion deficiency, Reynaud's syndrome, and immune responses associated with acute and delayed hypersensitivity mediated by cytokines and T-lymphocytes typically found in tuberculosis, sarcoidosis, granulomatosis and diseases involving leukocyte diapedesis, central nervous system (CNS) inflammatory disorder, multiple organ injury syndrome, antigen-antibody complex mediated diseases, anti-glomerular basement membrane disease, Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome, Behcet disease, giant cell arteritis, immune complex nephritis, IgA nephropathy, IgM polyneuropathies or autoimmune thrombocytopenia etc.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses methods and compositions for detecting, diagnosing and/or prognosing diseases or disorders associated with hypergammaglobulinemia (e.g., AIDS, autoimmune diseases, and some immunodeficiencies). In other specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses methods and compositions for detecting, diagnosing and/or prognosing diseases or disorders associated with hypogammaglobulinemia (e.g., an immunodeficiency).

Immunodeficiencies that may be detected, diagnosed, prognosis, or monitored using the antibodies of the invention include, but are not limited to, severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID)-X linked, SCID-autosomal, adenosine deaminase deficiency (ADA deficiency), X-linked agammaglobulinemia (XLA), Bruton's disease, congenital agammaglobulinemia, X-linked infantile agammaglobulinemia, acquired agammaglobulinemia, adult onset agammaglobulinemia, late-onset agammaglobulinemia, dysgammaglobulinemia, hypogammaglobulinemia, transient hypogammaglobulinemia of infancy, unspecified hypogammaglobulinemia, agammaglobulinemia, common variable immunodeficiency (CVID) (acquired), Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome (WAS), X-linked immunodeficiency with hyper IgM, non X-linked immunodeficiency with hyper IgM, selective IgA deficiency, IgG subclass deficiency (with or without IgA deficiency), antibody deficiency with normal or elevated Ig, immunodeficiency with thymoma, Ig heavy chain deletions, kappa chain deficiency, B cell lymphoproliferative disorder (BLPD), selective IgM immunodeficiency, recessive agammaglobulinemia (Swiss type), reticular dysgenesis, neonatal neutropenia, severe congenital leukopenia, thymic aplasia/aplasia or dysplasia with immunodeficiency, ataxia-telangiectasia, short limbed dwarfism, X-linked lymphoproliferative syndrome (XLP), Nezelof syndrome-combined immunodeficiency with Ig, purine nucleoside phosphorylase deficiency (PNP), MHC Class II deficiency (Bare Lymphocyte Syndrome) and severe combined immunodeficiency.

Elevated levels of soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator have been observed in the serum of patients with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE). In comparing the sera of 150 SLE patients with that of 38 control individuals, it was found that most of the SLE patients had more than 5 ng/ml of serum B Lymphocyte Stimulator, more than 30% of SLE patients had levels greater than 10 ng/ml, and approximately 10% of SLE patients had serum B Lymphocyte Stimulator levels greater than 20 ng/ml. In contrast, the majority of normal controls had B Lymphocyte Stimulator levels less than 5 ng/ml, and less than 10% had levels higher than 10 ng/ml. The elevated

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levels of B Lymphocyte Stimulator protein in sera is present in the soluble form and has biologic activity as assayed by the ability to stimulate anti-IgM treated B cells in vitro. SLE patients with more than 15 ng/ml serum B Lymphocyte Stimulator were also found to have elevated levels of anti-dsDNA antibodies compared to both normal controls and SLE patients with less than 5 ng/ml of serum B Lymphocyte Stimulator. (unpublished data).

In addition the serum of two subgroups of patients which were positive for anti-nuclear antibodies (ANA+) but did not meet the formal requirements of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) for classification of SLE were analyzed for B Lymphocyte Stimulator levels. The first subgroup of sera was ANA+ sera that came from patients who did not present with the clinical impression of SLE. This group had only slightly elevated levels of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (~9 ng/ml B Lymphocyte Stimulator). The second subgroup however, which was ANA+ sera from patients who presented with the clinical impression of SLE, had significantly increased B Lymphocyte Stimulator levels (~15 ng/ml). These results suggest that an elevated level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator precedes the formal fulfillment of the ACR criteria. The ACR criteria are described in Tan, E. M., et al. *Arthritis and Rheumatism* 25:1271-1277 (1982).

Thus in specific embodiments, antibodies of the invention which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognose, or monitor Systemic Lupus Erythematosus or conditions associated therewith. The invention provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of SLE.

In other specific embodiments, antibodies of the invention which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognose, or monitor IgA nephropathy or conditions associated therewith. The invention provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of IgA nephropathy.

In other specific embodiments, antibodies of the invention which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognose, or monitor Sjögren's Syndrome or conditions associated therewith. The invention provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator

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compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of Sjögren's Syndrome.

In other specific embodiments, antibodies of the invention which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognose, or monitor HIV infection or conditions associated therewith (e.g. AIDS). The invention provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of HIV infection.

In other specific embodiments, antibodies of the invention which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognose, or monitor Myasthenia Gravis or conditions associated therewith. The invention provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of Myasthenia Gravis.

In other specific embodiments, antibodies of the invention which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognose, or monitor idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) or conditions associated therewith. The invention provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP).

In other specific embodiments, antibodies of the invention which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognose, or monitor hemolytic anemia or conditions associated therewith. The invention provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of hemolytic anemia.

In other specific embodiments, antibodies of the invention which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognose, or monitor thyroiditis or conditions associated therewith.

The invention provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of thyroiditis.

In other specific embodiments, antibodies of the invention which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognose, or monitor Goodpasture's syndrome or conditions associated therewith. The invention provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of Goodpasture's syndrome.

In other specific embodiments, antibodies of the invention which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognose, or monitor multiple sclerosis or conditions associated therewith. The invention provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of multiple sclerosis.

In additional embodiments, antibodies of the invention which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognose, or monitor Rheumatoid Arthritis. The invention provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample (e.g., serum and synovial fluid) of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of Rheumatoid arthritis.

In additional embodiments, antibodies of the invention which specifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be used for diagnostic purposes to detect, diagnose, prognose, or monitor an immune-based rheumatologic disease, (e.g., SLE, rheumatoid arthritis, CREST syndrome (a variant of scleroderma characterized by calcinosis, Raynaud's phenomenon, esophageal motility disorders, sclerodactyly, and telangiectasia.), Seronegative spondyloarthropathy (SpA), polymyositis/dermatomyositis, Microscopic polyangiitis, Hepatitis C-associated arthritis, Takayasu's arteritis, and undifferentiated connective tissue disorder). The invention

provides for the detection of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator comprising: (a) assaying the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample (e.g., serum and synovial fluid) of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, e.g., in normal biological samples, whereby an increase in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of monitor an immune-based rheumatologic disease.

It has been observed, that serum B Lymphocyte Stimulator levels inversely correlate with nephrotic range proteinuria (>3 gm proteinuria in a 24 hour urine collection) using a sample of 71 SLE patients (p=0.019). Proteinuria was determined in 71 SLE patients within one month of phlebotomy for serum B Lymphocyte Stimulator determination. Serum B Lymphocyte Stimulator was classified as low, normal, or high based on the 5th through 95th percentiles for normal controls. Nephrotic-range proteinuria was inversely correlated with serum Neutrokin- α levels. Thus, in specific embodiments, serum levels of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (determined using one or more antibodies of the present invention) in individuals diagnosed with an immune based rheumatologic disease (e.g., SLE, rheumatoid arthritis, CREST syndrome (a variant of scleroderma characterized by calcinosis, Raynaud's phenomenon, esophageal motility disorders, sclerodactyly, and telangiectasia.), seronegative spondyloarthropathy (SpA), polymyositis/dermatomyositis, microscopic polyangiitis, hepatitis C-associated arthritis, Takayasu's arteritis, and undifferentiated connective tissue disorder) may be used to determine, diagnose, prognose, or monitor the severity of certain aspects or symptoms of the disease, such as nephrotic-range proteinuria.

In another specific embodiment, antibodies of the invention are used to diagnose, prognose, treat, or prevent conditions associated with CVID, including, but not limited to, conditions associated with acute and recurring infections (e.g., pneumonia, bronchitis, sinusitis, otitis media, sepsis, meningitis, septic arthritis, and osteomyelitis), chronic lung disease, autoimmunity, granulomatous disease, lymphoma, cancers (e.g., cancers of the breast, stomach, colon, mouth, prostate, lung, vagina, ovary, skin, and melanin forming cells (i.e. melanoma), inflammatory bowel disease (e.g., Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, and ulcerative proctitis), malabsorption, Hodgkin's disease, and Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia).

The invention provides a diagnostic assay for diagnosing or prognosing a disease or disorder, comprising: (a) assaying for the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard B Lymphocyte Stimulator level, e.g., in a biological sample from a patient without the disease or disorder, whereby an increase or decrease in the assayed B Lymphocyte Stimulator level compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of a particular disease or disorder. With respect to cancer, the presence of a relatively high amount of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in biopsied tissue from an individual may indicate a predisposition for the development of the disease, or may provide a means for detecting the disease prior to the appearance of actual clinical symptoms. A more definitive diagnosis of this type may allow health professionals to

employ preventative measures or aggressive treatment earlier thereby preventing the development or further progression of the cancer.

In specific embodiments, the presence of a relatively high amount of membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample is indicative of monocytic cell related leukemias or lymphomas, such as, for example acute myelogenous leukemia and/or the severity thereof.

In other specific embodiments, the presence of a relatively high amount of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor in a biological sample (as determined using antibodies of the invention that bind to soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator, but do not inhibit B Lymphocyte Stimulator/B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor binding) is indicative of B cell related leukemias or lymphomas (e.g., chronic lymphocytic leukemia, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and Hodgkin's disease), and/or the severity thereof.

In specific embodiments, the invention provides a diagnostic assay for diagnosing or prognosing Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, comprising: (a) assaying for the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard B Lymphocyte Stimulator level, e.g., in a biological sample from a patient without Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, whereby an increase in the assayed B Lymphocyte Stimulator level compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus.

In specific embodiments, the invention provides a diagnostic assay for diagnosing or prognosing a Rheumatoid Arthritis, comprising: (a) assaying for the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in a biological sample of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator with a standard B Lymphocyte Stimulator level, e.g., in a biological sample from a patient without Rheumatoid Arthritis, whereby an increase or decrease in the assayed B Lymphocyte Stimulator level compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of Rheumatoid Arthritis.

The invention provides a diagnostic assay for diagnosing or prognosing a disease or disorder, comprising: (a) assaying for the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor in cells or a tissue sample of an individual using one or more antibodies of the invention that immunospecifically binds only to soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator, but does not neutralize B Lymphocyte Stimulator /B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor binding; and (b) comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor with a standard B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor level, e.g., in a tissue sample from a patient without the disease or disorder, whereby an increase or decrease in the assayed B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor level compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor is indicative of a particular disease or disorder. With respect to cancer, the presence of a relatively high amount of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor in biopsied tissue from an individual may indicate a predisposition for the development of the disease, or may provide a means for detecting the disease prior to the appearance of actual clinical symptoms. A more definitive diagnosis of this type may allow health professionals to employ preventative measures or aggressive treatment earlier thereby preventing the development or further progression of the cancer.

Antibodies of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) can be used to assay protein levels in a biological sample using classical immunohistological methods as described herein or as known to those of skill in the art (e.g., see Jalkanen, et al., *J. Cell. Biol.* 101:976-985 (1985); Jalkanen, et al., *J. Cell. Biol.* 105:3087-3096 (1987)). Other antibody-based methods useful for detecting protein gene expression include immunoassays, such as the enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) and the radioimmunoassay (RIA). Suitable antibody assay labels are known in the art and include enzyme labels, such as, glucose oxidase, alkaline phosphatase, and horseradish peroxidase; radioisotopes, such as iodine (^{125}I , ^{123}I , ^{125}I , ^{131}I), carbon (^{14}C), sulfur (^{35}S), tritium (^3H), indium (^{111}In , ^{112}In , ^{113}In , $^{115\text{m}}\text{In}$), technetium ($^{99\text{Tc}}$, $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$), thallium (^{201}Tl), gallium (^{68}Ga , ^{67}Ga), palladium (^{103}Pd), molybdenum ($^{99\text{Mo}}$), xenon (^{133}Xe), fluorine (^{18}F), ^{153}Sm , ^{177}Lu , ^{159}Gd , ^{149}Pm , ^{140}La , ^{175}Yb , ^{169}Ho , ^{90}Y , ^{45}Sc , ^{188}Re , $^{188\text{m}}\text{Re}$, ^{142}Pr , ^{105}Rh , and ^{87}Ru ; luminescent labels, such as luminol; and fluorescent labels, such as fluorescein and rhodamine, and biotin.

One aspect of the invention is the detection and diagnosis of a disease or disorder associated with aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor in an animal, preferably a mammal and most preferably a human. In one embodiment, diagnosis comprises: a) administering (for example, parenterally, subcutaneously, or intraperitoneally) to a subject an effective amount of a labeled antibody of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator; b) waiting for a time interval following the administering for permitting the labeled antibody to preferentially concentrate at sites in the subject where B Lymphocyte Stimulator is expressed (and for unbound labeled molecule to be cleared to background level); c) determining background level; and d) detecting the labeled antibody in the subject, such that detection of labeled antibody or fragment thereof above the background level and above or below the level observed in a person without the disease or disorder indicates that the subject has a particular disease or disorder associated with aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor. Background level can be determined by various methods including, comparing the amount of labeled molecule detected to a standard value previously determined for a particular system.

It will be understood in the art that the size of the subject and the imaging system used will determine the quantity of imaging moiety needed to produce diagnostic images. In the case of a radioisotope moiety, for a human subject, the quantity of radioactivity injected will normally range from about 5 to 20 millicuries of $^{99\text{Tc}}$. The labeled antibody will then preferentially accumulate at the location of cells which contain the specific protein. In vivo tumor imaging is described in S. W. Burchiel et al., "Immunopharmacokinetics of Radiolabeled Antibodies and Their Fragments," (Chapter 13 in *Tumor Imaging: The Radiochemical Detection of Cancer*, S. W. Burchiel and B. A. Rhodes, eds., Masson Publishing Inc. (1982).

Depending on several variables, including the type of label used and the mode of administration, the time interval following the administration for permitting the labeled molecule to preferentially concentrate at sites in the subject and for unbound labeled molecule to be cleared to background level is 6 to 48 hours or 6 to 24 hours or 6 to 12 hours. In

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another embodiment the time interval following administration is 5 to 20 days or 5 to 10 days.

In an embodiment, monitoring of the disease or disorder is carried out by repeating the method for diagnosing the disease or disorder, for example, one month after initial diagnosis, six months after initial diagnosis, one year after initial diagnosis, etc.

Presence of the labeled molecule can be detected in the patient using methods known in the art for in vivo scanning. These methods depend upon the type of label used. Skilled artisans will be able to determine the appropriate method for detecting a particular label. Methods and devices that may be used in the diagnostic methods of the invention include, but are not limited to, computed tomography (CT), whole body scan such as positron emission tomography (PET), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and sonography.

In a specific embodiment, the molecule is labeled with a radioisotope and is detected in the patient using a radiation responsive surgical instrument (Thurston et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,441,050). In another embodiment, the molecule is labeled with a fluorescent compound and is detected in the patient using a fluorescence responsive scanning instrument. In another embodiment, the molecule is labeled with a positron emitting metal and is detected in the patient using positron emission tomography. In yet another embodiment, the molecule is labeled with a paramagnetic label and is detected in a patient using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Immunophenotyping

The antibodies of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) may be utilized for immunophenotyping of cell lines and biological samples by their B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression. Various techniques can be utilized using antibodies, fragments, or variants of the invention to screen for cellular populations (i.e., immune cells, particularly monocytic cells or B-cells) expressing B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor, and include magnetic separation using antibody-coated magnetic beads, "panning" with antibody attached to a solid matrix (i.e., plate), and flow cytometry (see, e.g., U.S. Pat. No. 5,985,660; and Morrison et al., Cell, 96:737-49 (1999)).

These techniques allow for the screening of particular populations of cells, such as might be found with hematological malignancies (i.e., minimal residual disease (MRD) in acute leukemic patients) and "non-self" cells in transplantations to prevent Graft-versus-Host Disease (GVHD). Alternatively, these techniques allow for the screening of hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells capable of undergoing proliferation and/or differentiation, as might be found in human umbilical cord blood.

In one embodiment, antibodies of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) are used to identify cells of monocytic or B cell origin.

Therapeutic Uses of Antibodies

The present invention is further directed to antibody-based therapies which involve administering antibodies of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) to an animal, preferably a mammal, and most preferably a human, patient for treating one or more of the disclosed diseases, disorders, or conditions. Therapeutic compounds of the invention include, but are not limited to, antibodies of the invention and nucleic acids encoding antibodies (and anti-idiotypic antibodies) of the invention as described

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herein. The antibodies of the invention can be used to treat, ameliorate or prevent diseases, disorders or conditions associated with aberrant expression and/or activity of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor, including, but not limited to, any one or more of the diseases, disorders, or conditions described herein. The treatment and/or prevention of diseases, disorders, or conditions associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression and/or activity or aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression and/or activity includes, but is not limited to, alleviating symptoms associated with those diseases, disorders or conditions. Antibodies of the invention may be provided in pharmaceutically acceptable compositions as known in the art or as described herein.

Antibodies of the present invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that function as agonists or antagonists of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, preferably of B Lymphocyte Stimulator-induced signal transduction, can be administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression, lack of B Lymphocyte Stimulator function, aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression, or lack of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor function. For example, antibodies of the invention which disrupt the interaction between B Lymphocyte Stimulator and its receptor may be administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression, excessive B Lymphocyte Stimulator function, aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression, or excessive B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor function. Antibodies of the invention which do not prevent B Lymphocyte Stimulator from binding its receptor but inhibit or downregulate B Lymphocyte Stimulator-induced signal transduction can be administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression, excessive B Lymphocyte Stimulator function, aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression, or excessive B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor function. In particular, antibodies of the present invention which prevent B Lymphocyte Stimulator-induced signal transduction by specifically recognizing the unbound B Lymphocyte Stimulator, receptor-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator or both unbound and receptor-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression, excessive B Lymphocyte Stimulator function, aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression, or excessive B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor function. The ability of an antibody of the invention to inhibit or downregulate B Lymphocyte Stimulator-induced signal transduction may be determined by techniques described herein or otherwise known in the art. For example, B Lymphocyte Stimulator-induced receptor activation and the activation of signaling molecules can be determined by detecting the phosphorylation (e.g., tyrosine or serine/threonine) of the receptor or a signaling molecule by immunoprecipitation followed by western blot analysis (for example, as described herein).

In a specific embodiment, an antibody of the present invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that inhibits or downregulates B Lymphocyte Stimulator activity by at least 95%, at least 90%, at least 85%, at least 80%, at least 75%, at least 70%, at least 60%, at least 50%, at least 45%, at least 40%, at least 35%, at least 30%,

at least 25%, at least 20%, or at least 10% relative to B Lymphocyte Stimulator activity in absence of the antibody is administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression, excessive B Lymphocyte Stimulator function, aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression, or excessive B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor function. In another embodiment, a combination of antibodies, a combination of antibody fragments, a combination of antibody variants, or a combination of antibodies, antibody fragments, and/or variants that inhibit or downregulate B Lymphocyte Stimulator activity by at least 95%, at least 90%, at least 85%, at least 80%, at least 75%, at least 70%, at least 65%, at least 60%, at least 55%, at least 50%, at least 45%, at least 40%, at least 35%, at least 30%, at least 25%, at least 20%, or at least 10% relative to B Lymphocyte Stimulator activity in absence of said antibodies, antibody fragments, and/or antibody variants are administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression, excessive B Lymphocyte Stimulator function, aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression, or excessive B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor function.

Further, antibodies of the present invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) which activate B Lymphocyte Stimulator-induced signal transduction can be administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression, lack of B Lymphocyte Stimulator function, aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression, or lack of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor function. These antibodies may potentiate or activate either all or a subset of the biological activities of B Lymphocyte Stimulator-mediated receptor activation, for example, by inducing multimerization of B Lymphocyte Stimulator and/or multimerization of the receptor. The antibodies of the invention may be administered with or without being pre-complexed with B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In a specific embodiment, an antibody of the present invention that increases B Lymphocyte Stimulator activity by at least 5%, at least 10%, at least 15%, at least 20%, at least 25%, at least 30%, at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, or at least 99% relative to B Lymphocyte Stimulator activity in absence of the antibody is administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression, lack of B Lymphocyte Stimulator function, aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression, or lack of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor function. In another embodiment, a combination of antibodies, a combination of antibody fragments, a combination of antibody variants, or a combination of antibodies, antibody fragments and/or antibody variants that increase B Lymphocyte Stimulator activity by at least 5%, at least 10%, at least 15%, at least 20%, at least 25%, at least 30%, at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, or at least 99% relative to B Lymphocyte Stimulator activity in absence of the said antibodies or antibody fragments and/or antibody variants is administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression or lack of B Lymphocyte Stimulator function or aberrant B

Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor expression or lack of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor function.

One or more antibodies of the present invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator may be used locally or systemically in the body as a therapeutic. The antibodies of this invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) may also be advantageously utilized in combination with other monoclonal or chimeric antibodies, or with lymphokines or hematopoietic growth factors (such as, e.g., IL-2, IL-3 and IL-7), for example, which serve to increase the number or activity of effector cells which interact with the antibodies.

The antibodies of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) may be administered alone or in combination with other types of treatments (e.g., radiation therapy, chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, immunotherapy, anti-tumor agents, anti-angiogenesis and anti-inflammatory agents). Generally, administration of products of a species origin or species reactivity (in the case of antibodies) that is the same species as that of the patient is preferred. Thus, in a preferred embodiment, human antibodies, fragments, or variants (e.g., derivatives), or nucleic acids, are administered to a human patient for therapy or prophylaxis.

It is preferred to use high affinity and/or potent in vivo inhibiting and/or neutralizing antibodies of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or polynucleotides encoding antibodies that immunospecifically bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, for both immunoassays directed to and therapy of disorders related to B Lymphocyte Stimulator polynucleotides or polypeptides, including fragments thereof. Such antibodies will preferably have an affinity for B Lymphocyte Stimulator and/or B Lymphocyte Stimulator fragments. Preferred binding affinities include those with a dissociation constant or K_D less than or equal to 5×10^{-2} M, 10^{-2} M, 5×10^{-3} M, 10^{-3} M, 5×10^{-4} M, 10^{-4} M, 5×10^{-5} M, or 10^{-5} M. More preferably, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides or fragments or variants thereof with a dissociation constant or K_D less than or equal to 5×10^{-8} M, 10^{-8} M, 5×10^{-9} M, 10^{-9} M, 5×10^{-10} M, or 10^{-10} M. Even more preferably, antibodies of the invention bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides or fragments or variants thereof with a dissociation constant or K_D less than or equal to 5×10^{-10} M, 10^{-10} M, 5×10^{-11} M, 10^{-11} M, 5×10^{-12} M, 10^{-12} M, 5×10^{-13} M, 10^{-13} M, 5×10^{-14} M, 10^{-14} M, 5×10^{-15} M, or 10^{-15} M. The invention encompasses antibodies that bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptides with a dissociation constant or K_D that is within any one of the ranges that are between each of the individual recited values.

In a preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention neutralize B Lymphocyte Stimulator activity. In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention inhibit B cell proliferation.

In a preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) inhibit or reduce binding of the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor. In another preferred embodiment antibodies of the invention inhibit or reduce B cell proliferation induced by the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In another preferred embodiment anti-

bodies of the invention inhibit or reduce immunoglobulin production induced by the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

In a preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) inhibit or reduce binding of membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor. In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention inhibit or reduce B cell proliferation induced by the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention inhibit or reduce immunoglobulin production induced by the membrane bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

In a preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention (including molecules comprising, or alternatively consisting of, antibody fragments or variants thereof) inhibit or reduce binding of both the soluble and membrane-bound forms of B Lymphocyte Stimulator to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor. In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention inhibit or reduce B cell proliferation induced by either or both forms of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention inhibit or reduce immunoglobulin production induced by either or both forms of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

In one embodiment, the invention provides a method of delivering antibody conjugates of the invention to targeted cells, such as, for example, monocytic cells expressing the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or B cells expressing a B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor.

In one embodiment, the invention provides a method for the specific delivery of antibodies and antibody conjugates of the invention to cells by administering molecules of the invention that are associated with heterologous polypeptides or nucleic acids. In one example, the invention provides a method for delivering a therapeutic protein into the targeted cell. In another example, the invention provides a method for delivering a single stranded nucleic acid (e.g., antisense or ribozymes) or double stranded nucleic acid (e.g., DNA that can integrate into the cell's genome or replicate episomally and that can be transcribed) into the targeted cell.

In another embodiment, the invention provides a method for the specific destruction of cells (e.g., the destruction of tumor cells) by administering antibodies or antibody conjugates of the invention (e.g., antibodies conjugated with radioisotopes, toxins, or cytotoxic prodrugs). In a specific embodiment, the invention provides a method for the specific destruction of cells of monocytic lineage (e.g., monocytic cell related leukemias or lymphomas, such as, for example acute myelogenous leukemia) by administering antibodies or antibody conjugates of the invention (e.g., antibodies conjugated with radioisotopes, toxins, or cytotoxic prodrugs) that immunospecifically bind the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In another specific embodiment, the invention provides a method for the specific destruction of cells of B cell lineage (e.g., B cell related leukemias or lymphomas (e.g., chronic lymphocytic leukemia, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and Hodgkin's disease) by administering antibodies or antibody conjugates of the invention (e.g., antibodies conjugated with radioisotopes, toxins, or cytotoxic prodrugs) that bind soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator, but do not inhibit B Lymphocyte Stimulator binding to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor on B cells.

In another preferred embodiment antibodies of the invention (including antibody fragments and variants) promote or enhance B cell proliferation induced by the soluble form of

B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention (including antibody fragments and variants) promote or enhance B cell proliferation induced by the membrane or soluble form of APRIL. In another preferred embodiment antibodies of the invention (including antibody fragments and variants) increase or enhance immunoglobulin production induced by the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In another preferred embodiment antibodies of the invention (including antibody fragments and variants) increase or enhance immunoglobulin production induced by the membrane bound or soluble form of APRIL. In another preferred embodiment antibodies of the invention (including antibody fragments and variants) increase or enhance immunoglobulin production in response to T cell dependent immunogens. In another preferred embodiment antibodies of the invention (including antibody fragments and variants, and anti-antibody antibodies) increase or enhance immunoglobulin production in response to T cell independent immunogens.

In another embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate immune disorders. Immune disorders include, but are not limited to, autoimmune disorders (e.g., arthritis, graft rejection, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, insulin-dependent diabetes, lupus, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, systemic lupus erythematosus and multiple sclerosis), elective IgA deficiency, ataxia-telangiectasia, common variable immunodeficiency (CVID), X-linked agammaglobulinemia, severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID), Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, idiopathic hyper-eosinophilic syndrome, monocytic leukemoid reaction, monocytic leukocytosis, monocytic leukemia, monocytopenia, monocytosis, and graft or transplant rejection.

As discussed herein, antibodies and antibody compositions of the invention, may be used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognose various immune system-related disorders and/or conditions associated with these disorders, in mammals, preferably humans. Many autoimmune disorders result from inappropriate recognition of self as foreign material by immune cells. This inappropriate recognition results in an immune response leading to the destruction of the host tissue. Therefore, the administration of antibody and antibody compositions of the invention that can inhibit an immune response, particularly the proliferation of B cells and/or the production of immunoglobulins, may be an effective therapy in treating and/or preventing autoimmune disorders. Thus, in preferred embodiments, antibodies and antibody compositions of the invention are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose and/or prognose an autoimmune disorder, or condition(s) associated with such disorder.

Autoimmune disorders and conditions associated with these disorders that may be treated, prevented, ameliorated, diagnosed and/or prognosed with the therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, autoimmune neonatal thrombocytopenia, idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura, autoimmune neutropenia, autoimmune thrombocytopenia, hemolytic anemia, antiphospholipid syndrome, dermatitis, gluten-sensitive enteropathy, allergic encephalomyelitis, myocarditis, relapsing polychondritis, rheumatic heart disease, glomerulonephritis (e.g., IgA nephropathy), Multiple Sclerosis, Neuritis, Uveitis Ophthalmia, Polyendocrinopathies, Purpura (e.g., Henoch-Schoenlein purpura), Reiter's Disease, Stiff-Man Syndrome, Autoimmune Pulmonary Inflammation, myocarditis, IgA glomerulonephritis, dense deposit disease, rheumatic heart disease, Guillain-Barre

Syndrome, insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, and autoimmune inflammatory eye disease.

Additional autoimmune disorders and conditions associated with these disorders that may be treated, prevented, ameliorated, diagnosed and/or prognosed with the therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, autoimmune thyroiditis, hypothyroidism (i.e., Hashimoto's thyroiditis) (often characterized, e.g., by cell-mediated and humoral thyroid cytotoxicity), systemic lupus erythematosus (often characterized, e.g., by circulating and locally generated immune complexes), discoid lupus, Goodpasture's syndrome (often characterized, e.g., by anti-basement membrane antibodies), Pemphigus (often characterized, e.g., by epidermal acantholytic antibodies), Receptor autoimmunities such as, for example, (a) Graves' Disease (often characterized, e.g., by TSH receptor antibodies), (b) Myasthenia Gravis (often characterized, e.g., by acetylcholine receptor antibodies), and (c) insulin resistance (often characterized, e.g., by insulin receptor antibodies), autoimmune hemolytic anemia (often characterized, e.g., by phagocytosis of antibody-sensitized RBCs), autoimmune thrombocytopenic purpura (often characterized, e.g., by phagocytosis of antibody-sensitized platelets).

Additional autoimmune disorders and conditions associated with these disorders that may be treated, prevented, ameliorated, diagnosed and/or prognosed with the therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, rheumatoid arthritis (often characterized, e.g., by immune complexes in joints), scleroderma with anti-collagen antibodies (often characterized, e.g., by nucleolar and other nuclear antibodies), mixed connective tissue disease (often characterized, e.g., by antibodies to extractable nuclear antigens (e.g., ribonucleoprotein)), polymyositis/dermatomyositis (often characterized, e.g., by nonhistone ANA), pernicious anemia (often characterized, e.g., by antiparietal cell, microsomes, and intrinsic factor antibodies), idiopathic Addison's disease (often characterized, e.g., by humoral and cell-mediated adrenal cytotoxicity, infertility (often characterized, e.g., by antispermatozoal antibodies), glomerulonephritis (often characterized, e.g., by glomerular basement membrane antibodies or immune complexes) such as primary glomerulonephritis and IgA nephropathy, bullous pemphigoid (often characterized, e.g., by IgG and complement in basement membrane), Sjögren's syndrome (often characterized, e.g., by multiple tissue antibodies, and/or a specific nonhistone ANA (SS-B)), diabetes mellitus (often characterized, e.g., by cell-mediated and humoral islet cell antibodies), and adrenergic drug resistance (including adrenergic drug resistance with asthma or cystic fibrosis) (often characterized, e.g., by beta-adrenergic receptor antibodies), chronic active hepatitis (often characterized, e.g., by smooth muscle antibodies), primary biliary cirrhosis (often characterized, e.g., by mitochondrial antibodies), other endocrine gland failure (often characterized, e.g., by specific tissue antibodies in some cases), vitiligo (often characterized, e.g., by melanocyte antibodies), vasculitis (often characterized, e.g., by Ig and complement in vessel walls and/or low serum complement), post-MI (often characterized, e.g., by myocardial antibodies), cardiomy syndrome (often characterized, e.g., by myocardial antibodies), urticaria (often characterized, e.g., by IgG and IgM antibodies to IgE), atopic dermatitis (often characterized, e.g., by IgG and IgM antibodies to IgE), asthma (often characterized, e.g., by IgG and IgM antibodies to IgE), inflammatory myopathies, and many other inflammatory, granulomatous, degenerative, and atrophic disorders.

In a preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, a member of the group: autoimmune hemolytic anemia, as primary glomerulonephritis, IgA glomerulonephritis, Goodpasture's syndrome, idiopathic thrombocytopenia, Multiple Sclerosis, Myasthenia Gravis, Pemphigus, polymyositis/dermatomyositis, relapsing polychondritis, rheumatoid arthritis, Sjögren's syndrome, systemic lupus erythematosus, Uveitis, vasculitis, and primary biliary cirrhosis.

In another preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, an immune based-rheumatologic disease, such as, for example, SLE, rheumatoid arthritis, CREST syndrome (a variant of scleroderma characterized by calcinosis, Raynaud's phenomenon, esophageal motility disorders, sclerodactyly, and telangiectasia), Seronegative spondyloarthropathy (SpA), polymyositis/dermatomyositis, microscopic polyangiitis, hepatitis C-associated arthritis, Takayasu's arteritis, and undifferentiated connective tissue disorder.

In a specific preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, rheumatoid arthritis and/or medical conditions associated therewith.

For example, an antibody, or antibodies, of the present invention are used to treat patients with clinical diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis (RA). The patient treated preferably will not have a B cell malignancy. Moreover, the patient is optionally further treated with any one or more agents employed for treating RA such as salicylate; nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as indomethacin, phenylbutazone, phenylacetic acid derivatives (e.g. ibuprofen and fenoprofen), naphthalene acetic acids (naproxen), pyrrolizanoic acid (tometin), indoleacetic acids (sulindac), halogenated antraniic acid (mefenamate sodium), piroxicam, zomepirac and diflunisal; antimalarials such as chloroquine; gold salts; penicillamine; or immunosuppressive agents such as methotrexate or corticosteroids in dosages known for such drugs or reduced dosages. Preferably however, the patient is only treated with an antibody, or antibodies, of the present invention. Antibodies of the present invention are administered to the RA patient according to a dosing schedule as described infra, which may be readily determined by one of ordinary skill in the art. The primary response is determined by the Paulus index (Paulus et al. *Athrits Rheum.* 33:477-484 (1990)), i.e. improvement in morning stiffness, number of painful and inflamed joints, erythrocyte sedimentation (ESR), and at least a 2-point improvement on a 5-point scale of disease severity assessed by patient and by physician. Administration of an antibody, or antibodies, of the present invention will alleviate one or more of the symptoms of RA in the patient treated as described above.

In a specific preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, lupus and/or medical conditions associated therewith. Lupus-associated conditions that may be treated, prevented, ameliorated, diagnosed and/or prognosed with the antibodies and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, hematologic disorders (e.g., hemolytic anemia, leukopenia, lymphopenia, and thrombocytopenia), immunologic disorders (e.g., anti-DNA antibodies, and anti-Sm antibodies), rashes, photosensitivity, oral ulcers, arthritis, fever, fatigue, weight loss, serositis (e.g., pleuritis (pleurisy)), renal disorders (e.g., nephritis), neurological disorders

ders (e.g., seizures, peripheral neuropathy, CNS related disorders), gastrointestinal disorders, Raynaud phenomenon, and pericarditis. In a preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose, or prognosis, renal disorders associated with systemic lupus erythematosus. In a most preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose, or prognosis, nephritis associated with systemic lupus erythematosus. In another most preferred embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate lupus or glomerular nephritis.

In a further specific embodiment, antibodies of the invention are used to treat, inhibit, prognosis, diagnose or prevent hemolytic anemia. For example, patients diagnosed with autoimmune hemolytic anemia (AIHA), e.g., cryoglobulinemia or Coombs positive anemia, are treated with an antibody, or antibodies, of the present invention. AIHA is an acquired hemolytic anemia due to auto-antibodies that react with the patient's red blood cells. The patient treated preferably will not have a B cell malignancy. Further adjunct therapies (such as glucocorticoids, prednisone, azathioprine, cyclophosphamide, vinca-laden platelets or Danazol) may be combined with the antibody therapy, but preferably the patient is treated with an antibody, or antibodies, of the present invention as a single-agent throughout the course of therapy. Antibodies of the present invention are administered to the hemolytic anemia patient according to a dosing schedule as described infra, which may be readily determined by one of ordinary skill in the art. Overall response rate is determined based upon an improvement in blood counts, decreased requirement for transfusions, improved hemoglobin levels and/or a decrease in the evidence of hemolysis as determined by standard chemical parameters. Administration of an antibody, or antibodies of the present invention will improve any one or more of the symptoms of hemolytic anemia in the patient treated as described above. For example, the patient treated as described above will show an increase in hemoglobin and an improvement in chemical parameters of hemolysis or return to normal as measured by serum lactic dehydrogenase and/or bilirubin.

In another specific preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, Sjögren's Syndrome and/or medical conditions associated therewith.

In another specific preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, HIV infection and/or medical conditions associated therewith (e.g., AIDS).

In another specific preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, Myasthenia gravis and/or medical conditions associated therewith.

In another specific preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, IgA nephropathy and/or medical conditions associated therewith.

In another specific preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, hemolytic anemia and/or medical conditions associated therewith.

In another specific preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, thyroiditis and/or medical conditions associated therewith.

In another specific preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, Goodpasture's Syndrome and/or medical conditions associated therewith.

In another specific preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, multiple sclerosis and/or medical conditions associated therewith.

In another specific preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) and/or medical conditions associated therewith.

In another specific preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, multiple myeloma and/or medical conditions associated therewith.

In another specific preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and/or medical conditions associated therewith.

In another specific preferred embodiment, therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, are used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose or prognosis, Hodgkin's disease and/or medical conditions associated therewith.

In another specific embodiment, antibodies of the invention are used to treat, inhibit, prognosis, diagnose or prevent adult immune thrombocytopenic purpura. Adult immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) is a relatively rare hematologic disorder that constitutes the most common of the immune-mediated cytopenias. The disease typically presents with severe thrombocytopenia that may be associated with acute hemorrhage in the presence of normal to increased megakaryocytes in the bone marrow. Most patients with ITP have an IgG antibody directed against target antigens on the outer surface of the platelet membrane, resulting in platelet sequestration in the spleen and accelerated reticuloendothelial destruction of platelets (Bussell, J. B. Hematol. Oncol. Clin. North Am. (4):179 (1990)). A number of therapeutic interventions have been shown to be effective in the treatment of ITP. Steroids are generally considered first-line therapy, after which most patients are candidates for intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg), splenectomy, or other medical therapies including vincristine or immunosuppressive/cytotoxic agents. Up to 80% of patients with ITP initially respond to a course of steroids, but far fewer have complete and lasting remissions. Splenectomy has been recommended as standard second-line therapy for steroid failures, and leads to prolonged remission in nearly 60% of cases yet may result in reduced immunity to infection. Splenectomy is a major surgical procedure that may be associated with substantial morbidity (15%) and mortality (2%). IVIg has also been used as second line medical therapy, although only a small proportion of adult patients with ITP achieve remission. Therapeutic options that would interfere with the production of autoantibodies by activated B cells without the associated morbidities that occur with corticosteroids and/or splenectomy would provide an important treatment approach for a proportion of patients with ITP. Patients with clinical diagnosis of ITP are treated with an antibody, or antibodies of the present invention, optionally in combination with steroid therapy. The patient treated will not have a B cell malignancy. Antibodies of the present invention are administered to the RA patient according to a dosing schedule as described infra, which may be readily

determined by one of ordinary skill in the art. Overall patient response rate is determined based upon a platelet count determined on two consecutive occasions two weeks apart following treatments as described above. See, George et al. "Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura: A Practice Guideline Developed by Explicit Methods for The American Society of Hematology", Blood 88:3-40 (1996), expressly incorporated herein by reference.

In another embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate an IgE-mediated allergic reaction or histamine-mediated allergic reaction. Examples of allergic reactions include, but are not limited to, asthma, rhinitis, eczema, chronic urticaria, and atopic dermatitis. In another embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are administered to an animal to treat, prevent, or ameliorate anaphylaxis, hypersensitivity to an antigenic molecule, or blood group incompatibility. In another embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate or modulate inflammation or an inflammatory disorder. Examples of chronic and acute inflammatory disorders that may be treated prevented or ameliorated with the therapeutic and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, chronic prostatitis, granulomatous prostatitis and malacoplakia, inflammation associated with infection (e.g., septic shock, sepsis, or systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS)), ischemia-reperfusion injury, endotoxin lethality, arthritis, complement-mediated hyperacute rejection, nephritis, cytokine or chemokine induced lung injury, Crohn's disease, inflammatory bowel disease, chronic and acute inflammatory pulmonary diseases, bacterial infection, psoriasis, septicemia, cerebral malaria, arthritis, gastroenteritis, and glomerular nephritis.

In another embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate ischemia and arteriosclerosis. Examples of such disorders include, but are not limited to, reperfusion damage (e.g., in the heart and/or brain) and cardiac hypertrophy.

Therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, may also be administered to modulate blood clotting and to treat or prevent blood clotting disorders, such as, for example, antibody-mediated thrombosis (i.e., antiphospholipid antibody syndrome (APS)). For example, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, may inhibit the proliferation and differentiation of cells involved in producing anticardiolipin antibodies. These compositions of the invention can be used to treat, prevent, ameliorate, diagnose, and/or prognose thrombotic related events including, but not limited to, stroke (and recurrent stroke), heart attack, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, myocardial infarction, coronary artery disease (e.g., antibody-mediated coronary artery disease), thrombosis, graft reocclusion following cardiovascular surgery (e.g., coronary arterial bypass grafts, recurrent fetal loss, and recurrent cardiovascular thromboembolic events).

Therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, may also be administered to treat, prevent, or ameliorate organ rejection or graft-versus-host disease (GVHD) and/or conditions associated therewith. Organ rejection occurs by host immune cell destruction of the transplanted tissue through an immune response. Similarly, an immune response is also involved in GVHD, but, in this case, the foreign transplanted immune cells destroy the host tissues. The administration of antibodies of the invention, that

inhibit an immune response, may be an effective therapy in preventing organ rejection or GVHD.

In another embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate a disease or disorder diseases associated with increased apoptosis including, but not limited to, AIDS, neurodegenerative disorders (such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Retinitis pigmentosa, Cerebellar degeneration), myelodysplastic syndromes (such as aplastic anemia), ischemic injury (such as that caused by myocardial infarction, stroke and reperfusion injury), toxin-induced liver disease (such as that caused by alcohol), septic shock, cachexia and anorexia. In another embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate bone marrow failure, for example, aplastic anemia and myelodysplastic syndrome.

In another embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate growth, progression, and/or metastases of malignancies and proliferative disorders associated with increased cell survival, or the inhibition of apoptosis. Examples of such disorders, include, but are not limited to, leukemia (e.g., acute leukemia such as acute lymphocytic leukemia and acute myelocytic leukemia), neoplasms, tumors (e.g., fibrosarcoma, myxosarcoma, liposarcoma, chondrosarcoma, osteogenic sarcoma, chordoma, angiosarcoma, endotheliosarcoma, lymphangiosarcoma, lymphangioidendotheliosarcoma, synovioma, mesothelioma, Ewing's tumor, leiomyosarcoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, colon carcinoma, pancreatic cancer, breast cancer, ovarian cancer, prostate cancer, squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, sweat gland carcinoma, sebaceous gland carcinoma, papillary carcinoma, papillary adenocarcinomas, cystadenocarcinoma, medullary carcinoma, bronchogenic carcinoma, renal cell carcinoma, hepatoma, bile duct carcinoma, choriocarcinoma, seminoma, embryonal carcinoma, Wilms' tumor, cervical cancer, testicular tumor, lung carcinoma, small cell lung carcinoma, bladder carcinoma, epithelial carcinoma, glioma, astrocytoma, medulloblastoma, craniopharyngioma, ependymoma, pinealoma, hemangioblastoma, acoustic neuroma, oligodendroglioma, meningioma, melanoma, neuroblastoma, and retinoblastoma), heavy chain disease, metastases, or any disease or disorder characterized by uncontrolled cell growth.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used to treat or prevent a disorder characterized by hyperammaglobulinemia (e.g., AIDS, autoimmune diseases, and some immunodeficiencies).

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used to treat or prevent a disorder characterized by deficient serum immunoglobulin production, recurrent infections, and/or immune system dysfunction. Moreover, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention may be used to treat or prevent infections of the joints, bones, skin, and/or parotid glands, blood-borne infections (e.g., sepsis, meningitis, septic arthritis, and/or osteomyelitis), autoimmune diseases (e.g., those disclosed herein), inflammatory disorders, and malignancies, and/or any disease or disorder or condition associated with these infections, diseases, disorders and/or malignancies) including, but not limited to, CVID, other primary immune deficiencies, HIV disease, CLL, recurrent bronchi-

titis, sinusitis, otitis media, conjunctivitis, pneumonia, hepatitis, meningitis, herpes zoster (e.g., severe herpes zoster), and/or *pneumocystis carinii*.

Therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention of the invention thereof, may be used to diagnose, prognosis, treat or prevent one or more of the following diseases or disorders, or conditions associated therewith: primary immunodeficiencies, immune-mediated thrombocytopenia, Kawasaki syndrome, bone marrow transplant (e.g., recent bone marrow transplant in adults or children), chronic B-cell lymphocytic leukemia, HIV infection (e.g., adult or pediatric HIV infection), chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, and post-transfusion purpura.

Additionally, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention may be used to diagnose, prognosis, treat or prevent one or more of the following diseases, disorders, or conditions associated therewith, Guillain-Barre syndrome, anemia (e.g., anemia associated with parvovirus B19, patients with stable multiple myeloma who are at high risk for infection (e.g., recurrent infection), autoimmune hemolytic anemia (e.g., warm-type autoimmune hemolytic anemia), thrombocytopenia (e.g., neonatal thrombocytopenia), and immune-mediated neutropenia), transplantation (e.g., cytomegalovirus (CMV)-negative recipients of CMV-positive organs), hypogammaglobulinemia (e.g., hypogammaglobulinemic neonates with risk factor for infection or morbidity), epilepsy (e.g., intractable epilepsy), systemic vasculitic syndromes, myasthenia gravis (e.g., decompensation in myasthenia gravis), dermatomyositis, and polymyositis.

Additional preferred embodiments of the invention include, but are not limited to, the use of therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention in the following applications:

Administration to an animal (e.g., mouse, rat, rabbit, hamster, guinea pig, pigs, micro-pig, chicken, camel, goat, horse, cow, sheep, dog, cat, non-human primate, and human, most preferably human) to boost the immune system to produce increased quantities of one or more antibodies (e.g., IgG, IgA, IgM, and IgE), to induce higher affinity antibody production (e.g., IgG, IgA, IgM, and IgE), and/or to increase an immune response. In a specific nonexclusive embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are administered to boost the immune system to produce increased quantities of IgG. In another specific nonexclusive embodiment, antibodies of the are administered to boost the immune system to produce increased quantities of IgA. In another specific nonexclusive embodiment, antibodies of the invention are administered to boost the immune system to produce increased quantities of IgM.

Administration to an animal (including, but not limited to, those listed above, and also including transgenic animals) incapable of producing functional endogenous antibody molecules or having an otherwise compromised endogenous immune system, but which is capable of producing human immunoglobulin molecules by means of a reconstituted or partially reconstituted immune system from another animal (see, e.g., published PCT Application Nos. WO/98/24893, WO/96/34096, WO/96/33735, and WO/91/0741).

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as a vaccine adjuvant that enhances immune responsiveness to specific antigen. In a specific embodiment, the vaccine is an antibody described herein. In another specific embodiment, the vaccine adjuvant is a polynucleotide described herein (e.g., an antibody polynucleotide genetic vaccine adjuvant). As discussed herein, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the

invention may be administered using techniques known in the art, including but not limited to, liposomal delivery, recombinant vector delivery, injection of naked DNA, and gene gun delivery.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as an adjuvant to enhance tumor-specific immune responses.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as an adjuvant to enhance anti-viral immune responses. Anti-viral immune responses that may be enhanced using the compositions of the invention as an adjuvant, include, but are not limited to, virus and virus associated diseases or symptoms described herein or otherwise known in the art. In specific embodiments, the compositions of the invention are used as an adjuvant to enhance an immune response to a virus, disease, or symptom selected from the group consisting of: AIDS, meningitis, Dengue, EBV, and hepatitis (e.g., hepatitis B). In another specific embodiment, the compositions of the invention are used as an adjuvant to enhance an immune response to a virus, disease, or symptom selected from the group consisting of: HIV/AIDS, Respiratory syncytial virus, Dengue, Rotavirus, Japanese B encephalitis, Influenza A and B, Parainfluenza, Measles, Cytomegalovirus, Rabies, Junin, Chikungunya, Rift Valley fever, Herpes simplex, and yellow fever. In another specific embodiment, the compositions of the invention are used as an adjuvant to enhance an immune response to the HIV gp120 antigen.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as an adjuvant to enhance anti-bacterial or anti-fungal immune responses. Anti-bacterial or anti-fungal immune responses that may be enhanced using the compositions of the invention as an adjuvant, include bacteria or fungus and bacteria or fungus associated diseases or symptoms described herein or otherwise known in the art. In specific embodiments, the compositions of the invention are used as an adjuvant to enhance an immune response to a bacteria or fungus, disease, or symptom selected from the group consisting of: tetanus, Diphtheria, botulism, and meningitis type B. In another specific embodiment, the compositions of the invention are used as an adjuvant to enhance an immune response to a bacteria or fungus, disease, or symptom selected from the group consisting of: *Vibrio cholerae*, *Mycobacterium leprae*, *Salmonella typhi*, *Salmonella paratyphi*, *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, Group B *Streptococcus*, *Shigella* spp., Enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli*, Enterohemorrhagic *E. coli*, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, and *Plasmodium* (malaria).

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as an adjuvant to enhance anti-parasitic immune responses. Anti-parasitic immune responses that may be enhanced using the compositions of the invention as an adjuvant, include parasite and parasite associated diseases or symptoms described herein or otherwise known in the art. In specific embodiments, the compositions of the invention are used as an adjuvant to enhance an immune response to a parasite. In another specific embodiment, the compositions of the invention are used as an adjuvant to enhance an immune response to *Plasmodium* (malaria).

In a specific embodiment, compositions of the invention may be administered to patients as vaccine adjuvants. In a further specific embodiment, compositions of the invention may be administered as vaccine adjuvants to patients suffering from an immune-deficiency. In a further specific

embodiment, compositions of the invention may be administered as vaccine adjuvants to patients suffering from HIV.

In a specific embodiment, compositions of the invention may be used to increase or enhance antigen-specific antibody responses to standard and experimental vaccines. In a specific embodiment, compositions of the invention may be used to enhance seroconversion in patients treated with standard and experimental vaccines. In another specific embodiment, compositions of the invention may be used to increase the repertoire of antibodies recognizing unique epitopes in response to standard and experimental vaccination.

In a preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention (including antibody fragments and variants, and anti-antibody antibodies) increase or enhance antigen-specific antibody responses to standard and experimental vaccines by regulating binding of the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor (e.g., BCMA and TACI). In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention (including antibody fragments and variants, and anti-antibody antibodies) increase or enhance antigen-specific antibody responses to standard and experimental vaccines by regulating binding of the soluble form of APRIL to an APRIL receptor (e.g., BCMA and TACI).

In a preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention (including antibody fragments and variants, and anti-antibody antibodies) increase or enhance seroconversion in patients treated with standard and experimental vaccines by regulating binding of the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor (e.g., BCMA and TACI). In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention (including antibody fragments and variants, and anti-antibody antibodies) increase or enhance seroconversion in patients treated with standard and experimental vaccines by regulating binding of the soluble form of APRIL to an APRIL receptor (e.g., BCMA and TACI).

In a preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention (including antibody fragments and variants, and anti-antibody antibodies) increase or enhance the repertoire of antibodies recognizing unique epitopes in response to standard and experimental vaccination by regulating binding of the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator to a B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor (e.g., BCMA and TACI). In another preferred embodiment, antibodies of the invention (including antibody fragments and variants, and anti-antibody antibodies) increase or enhance the repertoire of antibodies recognizing unique epitopes in response to standard and experimental vaccination by regulating binding of the soluble form of APRIL to an APRIL receptor (e.g., BCMA and TACI).

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as a stimulator of B cell responsiveness to pathogens.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as an agent that elevates the immune status of an individual prior to their receipt of immunosuppressive therapies.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as an agent to induce higher affinity antibodies.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as an agent to increase serum immunoglobulin concentrations.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as an agent to accelerate recovery of immunocompromised individuals.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as an agent to boost immunoresponsiveness among aged populations.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as an immune system enhancer prior to, during, or after bone marrow transplant and/or other transplants (e.g., allogeneic or xenogeneic organ transplantation). With respect to transplantation, compositions of the invention may be administered prior to, concomitant with, and/or after transplantation. In a specific embodiment, compositions of the invention are administered after transplantation, prior to the beginning of recovery of T-cell populations. In another specific embodiment, compositions of the invention are first administered after transplantation after the beginning of recovery of T cell populations, but prior to full recovery of B cell populations.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as an agent to boost immunoresponsiveness among B cell immunodeficient individuals, such as, for example, an individual who has undergone a partial or complete splenectomy. B cell immunodeficiencies that may be ameliorated or treated by administering the antibodies and/or compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID)-X linked, SCID-autosomal, adenosine deaminase deficiency (ADA deficiency), X-linked agammaglobulinemia (XLA), Bruton's disease, congenital agammaglobulinemia, X-linked infantile agammaglobulinemia, acquired agammaglobulinemia, adult onset agammaglobulinemia, late-onset agammaglobulinemia, dysgammaglobulinemia, hypogammaglobulinemia, transient hypogammaglobulinemia of infancy, unspecified hypogammaglobulinemia, agammaglobulinemia, common variable immunodeficiency (CVID) (acquired), Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome (WAS), X-linked immunodeficiency with hyper IgM, non X-linked immunodeficiency with hyper IgM, selective IgA deficiency, IgG subclass deficiency (with or without IgA deficiency), antibody deficiency with normal or elevated Ig, immunodeficiency with thymoma, Ig heavy chain deletions, kappa chain deficiency, B cell lymphoproliferative disorder (BLPD), selective IgM immunodeficiency, recessive agammaglobulinemia (Swiss type), reticular dysgenesis, neonatal neutropenia, severe congenital leukopenia, thymic lymphoplasia-aplasia or dysplasia with immunodeficiency, ataxia-telangiectasia, short limbed dwarfism, X-linked lymphoproliferative syndrome (XLP), Nezelof syndrome-combined immunodeficiency with Ig, purine nucleoside phosphorylase deficiency (PNP), MHC Class II deficiency (Bare Lymphocyte Syndrome) and severe combined immunodeficiency.

In a specific embodiment, antibodies and/or compositions of the invention are administered to treat or ameliorate selective IgA deficiency.

In another specific embodiment, antibodies and/or compositions of the invention are administered to treat or ameliorate ataxia-telangiectasia.

In another specific embodiment, antibodies and/or compositions of the invention are administered to treat or ameliorate common variable immunodeficiency.

In another specific embodiment, antibodies and/or compositions of the invention are administered to treat or ameliorate X-linked agammaglobulinemia.

In another specific embodiment, antibodies and/or compositions of the invention are administered to treat or ameliorate severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID).

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In another specific embodiment, antibodies and/or compositions of the invention are administered to treat or ameliorate Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome.

In another specific embodiment, antibodies and/or compositions of the invention are administered to treat or ameliorate X-linked Ig deficiency with hyper IgM.

As an agent to boost immunoresponsiveness among individuals having an acquired loss of B cell function. Conditions resulting in an acquired loss of B cell function that may be ameliorated or treated by administering antibodies and/or compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, HIV Infection, AIDS, bone marrow transplant, and B cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL).

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as an agent to boost immunoresponsiveness among individuals having a temporary immune deficiency. Conditions resulting in a temporary immune deficiency that may be ameliorated or treated by administering antibodies and/or compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, recovery from viral infections (e.g., influenza), conditions associated with malnutrition, recovery from infectious mononucleosis, or conditions associated with stress, recovery from measles, recovery from blood transfusion, recovery from surgery.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as a regulator of antigen presentation by monocytes, dendritic cells, T cells and/or B-cells. In one embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides enhance antigen presentation or antagonize antigen presentation *in vitro* or *in vivo*. Moreover, in related embodiments, this enhancement or antagonization of antigen presentation may be useful in anti-tumor treatment or to modulate the immune system.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as a mediator of mucosal immune responses. The expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator on monocytes, the expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor on B cells, and the responsiveness of B cells to B Lymphocyte Stimulator suggests that it may be involved in exchange of signals between B cells and monocytes or their differentiated progeny. This activity is in many ways analogous to the CD40-CD154 signalling between B cells and T cells. Anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibodies and compositions of the invention may therefore be good regulators of T cell independent immune responses to environmental pathogens. In particular, the unconventional B cell populations (CD5+) that are associated with mucosal sites and responsible for much of the innate immunity in humans may respond to antibodies or compositions of the invention thereby enhancing or inhibiting individual's immune status.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as an agent to direct an individual's immune system towards development of a humoral response (i.e. TH2) as opposed to a TH1 cellular response.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as a means to induce tumor proliferation and thus make it more susceptible to anti-neoplastic agents. For example, multiple myeloma is a slowly dividing disease and is thus refractory to virtually all anti-neoplastic regimens. If these cells were forced to proliferate more rapidly, their susceptibility profile would likely change.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as a monocyte cell specific binding protein to which specific activators or

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inhibitors of cell growth may be attached. The result would be to focus the activity of such activators or inhibitors onto normal, diseased, or neoplastic B cell populations.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as a B cell specific binding protein to which specific activators or inhibitors of cell growth may be attached. The result would be to focus the activity of such activators or inhibitors onto normal, diseased, or neoplastic B cell populations.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as a means of detecting monocytic cells by virtue of its specificity. This application may require labeling the protein with biotin or other agents (e.g., as described herein) to afford a means of detection.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as a means of detecting B-lineage cells by virtue of its specificity. This application may require labeling the protein with biotin or other agents (e.g., as described herein) to afford a means of detection.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as a stimulator of B cell production in pathologies such as AIDS, chronic lymphocyte disorder and/or Common Variable immunodeficiency.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as part of a monocyte selection device the function of which is to isolate monocytes from a heterogeneous mixture of cell types. Antibodies of the invention could be coupled to a solid support to which monocytes would then specifically bind. Unbound cells would be washed out and the bound cells subsequently eluted. A non-limiting use of this selection would be to allow purging of tumor cells from, for example, bone marrow or peripheral blood prior to transplant.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as part of a B cell selection device the function of which is to isolate B cells from a heterogeneous mixture of cell types. Antibodies of the invention (that do not inhibit B Lymphocyte Stimulator/B Lymphocyte Stimulator Receptor interaction) binding soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator could be coupled to a solid support to which B cells would then specifically bind. Unbound cells would be washed out and the bound cells subsequently eluted. A non-limiting use of this selection would be to allow purging of tumor cells from, for example, bone marrow or peripheral blood prior to transplant.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as a therapy for generation and/or regeneration of lymphoid tissues following surgery, trauma or genetic defect.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as a gene-based therapy for genetically inherited disorders resulting in immuno-incompetence such as observed among SCID patients.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as an antigen for the generation of antibodies to inhibit or enhance B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated responses.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as a means of activating monocytes/macrophages to defend against parasitic diseases that effect monocytes such as *Leishmania*.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as pretreatment of

bone marrow samples prior to transplant. Such treatment would increase B cell representation and thus accelerate recovery.

In a specific embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are used as a means of regulating secreted cytokines that are elicited by B Lymphocyte Stimulator and/or B Lymphocyte Stimulator receptor.

Antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention may be used to modulate IgE concentrations *in vitro* or *in vivo*.

Additionally, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention may be used to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose IgE-mediated allergic reactions. Such allergic reactions include, but are not limited to, asthma, rhinitis, and eczema.

In a specific embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention, are administered to treat, prevent, diagnose, and/or ameliorate selective IgA deficiency.

In another specific embodiment antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are administered to treat, prevent, diagnose, and/or ameliorate ataxia-telangiectasia.

In another specific embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are administered to treat, prevent, diagnose, and/or ameliorate common variable immunodeficiency.

In another specific embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are administered to treat, prevent, diagnose, and/or ameliorate X-linked agammaglobulinemia.

In another specific embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are administered to treat, prevent, diagnose, and/or ameliorate severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID).

In another specific embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are administered to treat, prevent, diagnose, and/or ameliorate Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome.

In another specific embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are administered to treat, prevent, diagnose, and/or ameliorate X-linked Ig deficiency with hyper IgM. In a specific embodiment antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are administered to treat, prevent, diagnose, and/or ameliorate X-linked Ig deficiency with hyper IgM.

In another specific embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are administered to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose chronic myelogenous leukemia, acute myelogenous leukemia, leukemia, hairy-cell leukemia, monocytic leukemia (e.g., acute monocytic leukemia), leukemic reticulosis, Shilling Type monocytic leukemia, and/or other leukemias derived from monocytes and/or monocyte cells and/or tissues.

In another specific embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are administered to treat, prevent, diagnose, and/or ameliorate monocytic leukemoid reaction, as seen, for example, with tuberculosis.

In another specific embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are administered to treat, prevent, diagnose, and/or ameliorate monocytic leukocytosis, monocytic leukopenia, monocytopenia, and/or monocytosis.

In a specific embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are used to treat, prevent, detect, and/or diagnose monocyte disorders and/or diseases, and/or conditions associated therewith.

In a specific embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are used to treat, prevent, detect, and/or diagnose primary B lymphocyte disorders and/or diseases, and/or conditions associated therewith. In one embodiment, such primary B lymphocyte disorders, diseases, and/or conditions are characterized by a complete or partial loss of humoral immunity. Primary B lymphocyte disorders, diseases, and/or conditions associated therewith that are characterized by a complete or partial loss of humoral immunity and that may be prevented, treated, detected and/or diagnosed with compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, X-Linked Agammaglobulinemia (XLA), severe combined immunodeficiency disease (SCID), and selective IgA deficiency.

In a preferred embodiment antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are used to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose diseases or disorders affecting or conditions associated with any one or more of the various mucous membranes of the body. Such diseases or disorders include, but are not limited to, for example, mucositis, mucoclasia, mucocolitis, mucocutaneous leishmaniasis (such as, for example, American leishmaniasis, leishmaniasis americana, nasopharyngeal leishmaniasis, and New World leishmaniasis), mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome (for example, Kawasaki disease), mucoenteritis, mucopidermoid carcinoma, mucopidermoid tumor, mucopithelial dysplasia, mucoid adenocarcinoma, mucoid degeneration, myxoid degeneration, myxomatous degeneration, myxomatosis, mucoid medial degeneration (for example, cystic medial necrosis), mucopolidiosis (including, for example, mucopolidiosis I, mucopolidiosis II, mucopolidiosis III, and mucopolidiosis IV), mucolysis disorders, mucomembranous enteritis, mucoenteritis, mucopolysaccharidosis (such as, for example, type I mucopolysaccharidosis (i.e., Hurler's syndrome), type IS mucopolysaccharidosis (i.e., Scheie's syndrome or type V mucopolysaccharidosis), type II mucopolysaccharidosis (i.e., Hunter's syndrome), type III mucopolysaccharidosis (i.e., Sanfilippo's syndrome), type IV mucopolysaccharidosis (i.e., Morquio's syndrome), type VI mucopolysaccharidosis (i.e., Maroteaux-Lamy syndrome), type VII mucopolysaccharidosis (i.e., mucopolysaccharidosis due to beta-glucuronidase deficiency), and mucosulfatidosis), mucopolysacchariduria, mucopunctate conjunctivitis, mucopus, mucomyrmecosis (i.e., zygomyrmecosis), mucosal disease (i.e., bovine virus diarrhoea), mucous colitis (such as, for example, mucocolitis and myxomembranous colitis), and mucoviscidosis (such as, for example, cystic fibrosis, cystic fibrosis of the pancreas, Clarke-Hadfield syndrome, fibrocystic disease of the pancreas, mucoviscidosis, and viscidosis). In a highly preferred embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are used to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose mucositis, especially as associated with chemotherapy.

In a preferred embodiment, antibody polypeptides or 55 polynucleotides of the invention are used to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose diseases or disorders affecting or conditions associated with sinusitis.

60 An additional condition, disease or symptom that can be treated, prevented, and/or diagnosed by antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention is osteomyelitis.

An additional condition, disease or symptom that can be treated, prevented, and/or diagnosed by antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention is endocarditis.

All of the above described applications as they may apply
65 to veterinary medicine.

Antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention may be used to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose diseases

and disorders of the pulmonary system (e.g., bronchi such as, for example, sinopulmonary and bronchial infections and conditions associated with such diseases and disorders and other respiratory diseases and disorders. In specific embodiments, such diseases and disorders include, but are not limited to, bronchial adenoma, bronchial asthma, pneumonia (such as, e.g., bronchial pneumonia, bronchopneumonia, and tuberculous bronchopneumonia), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), bronchial polyps, bronchiectasia (such as, e.g., bronchiectasia sicca, cylindrical bronchiectasis, and sacular bronchiectasis), bronchiolar adenocarcinoma, bronchiolar carcinoma, bronchiolitis (such as, e.g., exudative bronchiolitis, bronchiolitis fibrosa obliterans, and proliferative bronchiolitis), bronchiolo-alveolar carcinoma, bronchitic asthma, bronchitis (such as, e.g., asthmatic bronchitis, Castellani's bronchitis, chronic bronchitis, croupous bronchitis, fibrinous bronchitis, hemorrhagic bronchitis, infectious avian bronchitis, obliterative bronchitis, plastic bronchitis, pseudomembranous bronchitis, putrid bronchitis, and verminous bronchitis), bronchoecentric granulomatosis, bronchoedema, bronchoesophageal fistula, bronchogenic carcinoma, bronchogenic cyst, broncholithiasis, bronchomalacia, bronchomyiasis (such as, e.g., bronchopulmonary aspergillosis), bronchopulmonary spirochetosis, hemorrhagic bronchitis, bronchorrhea, bronchospasm, bronchostasis, bronchostenosis, Biot's respiration, bronchial respiration, Kussmaul respiration, Kussmaul-Kien respiration, respiratory acidosis, respiratory alkalosis, respiratory distress syndrome of the newborn, respiratory insufficiency, respiratory scleroma, respiratory syncytial virus, and the like.

In a specific embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are used to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

In another embodiment, antibody polypeptides or polynucleotides of the invention are used to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose fibroses and conditions associated with fibroses, including, but not limited to, cystic fibrosis (including such fibroses as cystic fibrosis of the pancreas, Clarke-Hadfield syndrome, fibrocystic disease of the pancreas, mucoviscidosis, and viscidosis), endomyocardial fibrosis, idiopathic retroperitoneal fibrosis, leptomeningeal fibrosis, mediastinal fibrosis, nodular subepidermal fibrosis, pericardial fibrosis, perimuscular fibrosis, pipestem fibrosis, replacement fibrosis, subadventitial fibrosis, and Symmers' clay pipestem fibrosis.

In another embodiment, therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are administered to an animal to treat, prevent or ameliorate infectious diseases. Infectious diseases include diseases associated with yeast, fungal, viral and bacterial infections. Viruses causing viral infections which can be treated or prevented in accordance with this invention include, but are not limited to, retroviruses (e.g., human T-cell lymphotropic virus (HTLV) types I and II and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)), herpes viruses (e.g., herpes simplex virus (HSV) types I and II, Epstein-Barr virus, HHV-6, HHV-8, and cytomegalovirus), arenaviruses (e.g., lassa fever virus), paramyxoviruses (e.g., morbillivirus (e.g., human respiratory syncytial virus, mumps, and pneumovirus), adenoviruses, bunyaviruses (e.g., hantavirus), coronaviruses, filoviruses (e.g., Ebola virus), flaviviruses (e.g., hepatitis C virus (HCV), yellow fever virus, and Japanese encephalitis virus), hepadnaviruses (e.g., hepatitis B virus (HBV)), orthomyxoviruses (e.g., influenza viruses A, B and C), papovaviruses (e.g., papillomaviruses), picornaviruses (e.g., rhinoviruses, enteroviruses and hepatitis A viruses), poxviruses, reoviruses (e.g., rotaviruses), togaviruses (e.g.,

rubella virus), rhabdoviruses (e.g., rabies virus). Microbial pathogens causing bacterial infections include, but are not limited to, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Neisseria gonorrhoea*, *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, *Clostridium botulinum*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Clostridium tetani*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Klebsiella ozaenae*, *Klebsiella rhinoscleromatis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Vibrio cholerae*, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Campylobacter* (Vibrio) fetus, *Campylobacter jejuni*, *Aeromonas hydrophila*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Edwardsiella tarda*, *Yersinia enterocolitica*, *Yersinia pestis*, *Yersinia pseudotuberculosis*, *Shigella dysenteriae*, *Shigella flexneri*, *Shigella sonnei*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Treponema pallidum*, *Treponema pertenue*, *Treponema carateum*, *Borrelia vincentii*, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, *Leptospira icterohaemorrhagiae*, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, *Toxoplasma gondii*, *Pneumocystis carinii*, *Francisella tularensis*, *Brucella abortus*, *Brucella suis*, *Brucella melitensis*, *Mycoplasma* spp., *Rickettsia prowazekii*, *Rickettsia tsutsugumushi*, *Chlamydia* spp., and *Helicobacter pylori*.

Gene Therapy

In a specific embodiment, nucleic acids comprising sequences encoding antibodies or functional derivatives thereof, are administered to treat, inhibit or prevent a disease or disorder associated with aberrant expression and/or activity of B lymphocyte Stimulator and/or its receptor, by way of gene therapy. Gene therapy refers to therapy performed by the administration to a subject of an expressed or expressible nucleic acid. In this embodiment of the invention, the nucleic acids produce their encoded protein that mediates a therapeutic effect.

Any of the methods for gene therapy available in the art can be used according to the present invention. Exemplary methods are described below.

For general reviews of the methods of gene therapy, see Goldspiel et al., *Clinical Pharmacy* 12:488-505 (1993); Wu and Wu, *Biotherapy* 3:87-95 (1991); Tolstoshev, *Ann. Rev. Pharmacol. Toxicol.* 32:573-596 (1993); Mulligan, *Science* 260:926-932 (1993); and Morgan and Anderson, *Ann. Rev. Biochem.* 62:191-217 (1993); May, *TIBTECH* 11(5): 155-215 (1993). Methods commonly known in the art of recombinant DNA technology which can be used are described in Ausubel et al. (eds.), *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, John Wiley & Sons, NY (1993); and Krieger, *Gene Transfer and Expression*, A Laboratory Manual, Stockton Press, NY (1990).

In a preferred aspect, a composition of the invention comprises, or alternatively consists of, nucleic acids encoding an antibody, said nucleic acids being part of an expression vector that expresses the antibody or fragments or chimeric proteins or heavy or light chains thereof in a suitable host. In particular, such nucleic acids have promoters, preferably heterologous promoters, operably linked to the antibody coding region, said promoter being inducible or constitutive, and, optionally, tissue-specific. In another particular embodiment, nucleic acid molecules are used in which the antibody coding sequences and any other desired sequences are flanked by regions that promote homologous recombination at a desired site in the genome, thus providing for intrachromosomal expression of the antibody encoding nucleic acids (Koller and Smithies, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 86:8932-8935 (1989); Zijlstra et al., *Nature* 342: 435-438 (1989). In specific embodiments, the expressed antibody molecule is an scFv; alternatively, the nucleic acid

sequences include sequences encoding both the heavy and light chains, or fragments or variants thereof, of an antibody.

Delivery of the nucleic acids into a patient may be either direct, in which case the patient is directly exposed to the nucleic acid or nucleic acid-carrying vectors, or indirect, in which case, cells are first transformed with the nucleic acids in vitro, then transplanted into the patient. These two approaches are known, respectively, as *in vivo* or *ex vivo* gene therapy.

In a specific embodiment, the nucleic acid sequences are directly administered *in vivo*, where it is expressed to produce the encoded product. This can be accomplished by any of numerous methods known in the art, e.g., by constructing them as part of an appropriate nucleic acid expression vector and administering it so that they become intracellular, e.g., by infection using defective or attenuated retrovirals or other viral vectors (see U.S. Pat. No. 4,980, 286), or by direct injection of naked DNA, or by use of microparticle bombardment (e.g., a gene gun; Biolistic, Dupont), or coating with lipids or cell-surface receptors or transfecting agents, encapsulation in liposomes, microparticles, or microcapsules, or by administering them in linkage to a peptide which is known to enter the nucleus, by administering it in linkage to a ligand subject to receptor-mediated endocytosis (see, e.g., Wu and Wu, *J. Biol. Chem.* 262:4429-4432 (1987)) (which can be used to target cell types specifically expressing the receptors), etc. In another embodiment, nucleic acid-ligand complexes can be formed in which the ligand comprises a fusogenic viral peptide to disrupt endosomes, allowing the nucleic acid to avoid lysosomal degradation. In yet another embodiment, the nucleic acid can be targeted *in vivo* for cell specific uptake and expression, by targeting a specific receptor (see, e.g., PCT Publications WO 92/06180; WO 92/22635; WO92/20316; WO93/14188, WO 93/20221). Alternatively, the nucleic acid can be introduced intracellularly and incorporated within host cell DNA for expression, by homologous recombination (Koller and Smithies, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 86:8932-8935 (1989); Zijlstra et al., *Nature* 342:435-438 (1989)).

In a specific embodiment, viral vectors that contain nucleic acid sequences encoding an antibody of the invention or fragments or variants thereof are used. For example, a retroviral vector can be used (see Miller et al., *Meth. Enzymol.* 217:581-599 (1993)). These retroviral vectors contain the components necessary for the correct packaging of the viral genome and integration into the host cell DNA. The nucleic acid sequences encoding the antibody to be used in gene therapy are cloned into one or more vectors, which facilitates delivery of the gene into a patient. More detail about retroviral vectors can be found in Boesen et al., *Biotherapy* 6:291-302 (1994), which describes the use of a retroviral vector to deliver the *mdr 1* gene to hematopoietic stem cells in order to make the stem cells more resistant to chemotherapy. Other references illustrating the use of retroviral vectors in gene therapy are: Clowes et al., *J. Clin. Invest.* 93:644-651 (1994); Klein et al., *Blood* 83:1467-1473 (1994); Salmon and Gunzberg, *Human Gene Therapy* 4:129-141 (1993); and Grossman and Wilson, *Curr. Opin. in Genetics and Devel.* 3:110-114 (1993).

Adenoviruses are other viral vectors that can be used in gene therapy. Adenoviruses are especially attractive vehicles for delivering genes to respiratory epithelia. Adenoviruses naturally infect respiratory epithelia where they cause a mild disease. Other targets for adenovirus-based delivery systems are liver, the central nervous system, endothelial cells, and muscle. Adenoviruses have the advantage of being capable

of infecting non-dividing cells. Kozarsky and Wilson, *Current Opinion in Genetics and Development* 3:499-503 (1993) present a review of adenovirus-based gene therapy. Bout et al., *Human Gene Therapy* 5:3-10 (1994) demonstrated the use of adenovirus vectors to transfer genes to the respiratory epithelia of rhesus monkeys. Other instances of the use of adenoviruses in gene therapy can be found in Rosenfeld et al., *Science* 252:431-434 (1991); Rosenfeld et al., *Cell* 68:143-155 (1992); Mastrangeli et al., *J. Clin. Invest.* 91:225-234 (1993); PCT Publication WO94/12649; and Wang, et al., *Gene Therapy* 2:775-783 (1995). In a preferred embodiment, adenovirus vectors are used.

Adeno-associated virus (AAV) has also been proposed for use in gene therapy (Walsh et al., *Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol. Med.* 204:289-300 (1993); U.S. Pat. No. 5,436,146).

Another approach to gene therapy involves transferring a gene to cells in tissue culture by such methods as electroporation, lipofection, calcium phosphate mediated transfection, or viral infection. Usually, the method of transfer includes the transfer of a selectable marker to the cells. The cells are then placed under selection to isolate those cells that have taken up and are expressing the transferred gene. Those cells are then delivered to a patient.

In this embodiment, the nucleic acid is introduced into a cell prior to administration *in vivo* of the resulting recombinant cell. Such introduction can be carried out by any method known in the art, including but not limited to transfection, electroporation, microinjection, infection with a viral or bacteriophage vector containing the nucleic acid sequences, cell fusion, chromosome-mediated gene transfer, microcell-mediated gene transfer, spheroplast fusion, etc. Numerous techniques are known in the art for the introduction of foreign genes into cells (see, e.g., Loeffler and Behr, *Meth. Enzymol.* 217:599-618 (1993); Cohen et al., *Meth. Enzymol.* 217:618-644 (1993); *Clin. Pharma. Ther.* 29:69-92m (1985)) and may be used in accordance with the present invention, provided that the necessary developmental and physiological functions of the recipient cells are not disrupted. The technique should provide for the stable transfer of the nucleic acid to the cell, so that the nucleic acid is expressible by the cell and preferably heritable and expressible by its cell progeny.

The resulting recombinant cells can be delivered to a patient by various methods known in the art. Recombinant blood cells (e.g., hematopoietic stem or progenitor cells) are preferably administered intravenously. The amount of cells envisioned for use depends on the desired effect, patient state, etc., and can be determined by one skilled in the art.

Cells into which a nucleic acid can be introduced for purposes of gene therapy encompass any desired, available cell type, and include but are not limited to epithelial cells, endothelial cells, keratinocytes, fibroblasts, muscle cells, hepatocytes, blood cells such as T lymphocytes, B lymphocytes, monocytes, macrophages, neutrophils, eosinophils, megakaryocytes, granulocytes; various stem or progenitor cells, in particular hematopoietic stem or progenitor cells, e.g., as obtained from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, peripheral blood, fetal liver, etc.

In a preferred embodiment, the cell used for gene therapy is autologous to the patient.

In an embodiment in which recombinant cells are used in gene therapy, nucleic acid sequences encoding an antibody or fragment thereof are introduced into the cells such that they are expressible by the cells or their progeny, and the recombinant cells are then administered *in vivo* for therapeutic effect. In a specific embodiment, stem or progenitor cells are used. Any stem and/or progenitor cells which can

be isolated and maintained *in vitro* can potentially be used in accordance with this embodiment of the present invention (see e.g. PCT Publication WO 94/08598; Stemple and Anderson, *Cell* 71:973-985 (1992); Rheinwald, *Meth. Cell Bio.* 21A:229 (1980); and Pittelkow and Scott, *Mayo Clinic Proc.* 61:771 (1986)).

In a specific embodiment, the nucleic acid to be introduced for purposes of gene therapy comprises an inducible promoter operably linked to the coding region, such that expression of the nucleic acid is controllable by controlling the presence or absence of the appropriate inducer of transcription.

Demonstration of Therapeutic or Prophylactic Utility of a Composition

The compounds of the invention are preferably tested *in vitro*, and then *in vivo* for the desired therapeutic or prophylactic activity, prior to use in humans. For example, *in vitro* assays which can be used to determine whether administration of a specific antibody or composition of the present invention is indicated, include *in vitro* cell culture assays in which a patient tissue sample is grown in culture, and exposed to or otherwise administered an antibody or composition of the present invention, and the effect of such an antibody or composition of the present invention upon the tissue sample is observed. In various specific embodiments, *in vitro* assays can be carried out with representative cells of cell types involved in a patient's disorder, to determine if an antibody or composition of the present invention has a desired effect upon such cell types. Preferably, the antibodies or compositions of the invention are also tested in *in vitro* assays and animal model systems prior to administration to humans.

Antibodies or compositions of the present invention for use in therapy can be tested for their toxicity in suitable animal model systems, including but not limited to rats, mice, chicken, cows, monkeys, and rabbits. For *in vivo* testing of an antibody or composition's toxicity any animal model system known in the art may be used.

Efficacy in treating or preventing viral infection may be demonstrated by detecting the ability of an antibody or composition of the invention to inhibit the replication of the virus, to inhibit transmission or prevent the virus from establishing itself in its host, or to prevent, ameliorate or alleviate the symptoms of disease a progression. The treatment is considered therapeutic if there is, for example, a reduction in viral load, amelioration of one or more symptoms, or a decrease in mortality and/or morbidity following administration of an antibody or composition of the invention.

Antibodies or compositions of the invention can be tested for the ability to induce the expression of cytokines such as IFN- γ , by contacting cells, preferably human cells, with an antibody or composition of the invention or a control antibody or control composition and determining the ability of the antibody or composition of the invention to induce one or more cytokines. Techniques known to those of skill in the art can be used to measure the level of expression of cytokines. For example, the level of expression of cytokines can be measured by analyzing the level of RNA of cytokines by, for example, RT-PCR and Northern blot analysis, and by analyzing the level of cytokines by, for example, immunoprecipitation followed by western blot analysis and ELISA. In a preferred embodiment, a compound of the invention is tested for its ability to induce the expression of IFN- γ .

Antibodies or compositions of the invention can be tested for their ability to modulate the biological activity of

immune cells by contacting immune cells, preferably human immune cells (e.g., T-cells, B-cells, and Natural Killer cells), with an antibody or composition of the invention or a control compound and determining the ability of the antibody or composition of the invention to modulate (i.e., increase or decrease) the biological activity of immune cells. The ability of an antibody or composition of the invention to modulate the biological activity of immune cells can be assessed by detecting the expression of antigens, detecting the proliferation of immune cells (i.e., B-cell proliferation), detecting the activation of signaling molecules, detecting the effector function of immune cells, or detecting the differentiation of immune cells. Techniques known to those of skill in the art can be used for measuring these activities. For example, cellular proliferation can be assayed by ^3H -thymidine incorporation assays and trypan blue cell counts. Antigen expression can be assayed, for example, by immunoassays including, but not limited to, competitive and non-competitive assay systems using techniques such as western blots, immunohistochemistry radioimmunoassays, ELISA (enzyme linked immunosorbent assay), "sandwich" immunoassays, immunoprecipitation assays, precipitin reactions, gel diffusion precipitin reactions, immunodiffusion assays, agglutination assays, complement-fixation assays, immunoradiometric assays, fluorescent immunoassays, protein A immunoassays and FACS analysis. The activation of signaling molecules can be assayed, for example, by kinase assays and electrophoretic shift assays (EMSAs). In a preferred embodiment, the ability of an antibody or composition of the invention to induce B-cell proliferation is measured. In another preferred embodiment, the ability of an antibody or composition of the invention to modulate immunoglobulin expression is measured.

Antibodies or compositions of the invention can be tested for their ability to reduce tumor formation in *in vitro*, *ex vivo* and *in vivo* assays. Antibodies or compositions of the invention can also be tested for their ability to inhibit viral replication or reduce viral load in *in vitro* and *in vivo* assays. Antibodies or compositions of the invention can also be tested for their ability to reduce bacterial numbers in *in vitro* and *in vivo* assays known to those of skill in the art. Antibodies or compositions of the invention can also be tested for their ability to alleviate of one or more symptoms associated with cancer, an immune disorder (e.g., an inflammatory disease), a neurological disorder or an infectious disease. Antibodies or compositions of the invention can also be tested for their ability to decrease the time course of the infectious disease. Further, antibodies or compositions of the invention can be tested for their ability to increase the survival period of animals suffering from disease or disorder, including cancer, an immune disorder or an infectious disease. Techniques known to those of skill in the art can be used to analyze the function of the antibodies or compositions of the invention *in vivo*.

Therapeutic/Prophylactic Compositions and Administration

The invention provides methods of treatment, inhibition and prophylaxis by administration to a subject of an effective amount of antibody (or fragment or variant thereof) or pharmaceutical composition of the invention, preferably an antibody of the invention. In a preferred aspect, an antibody or fragment or variant thereof is substantially purified (i.e., substantially free from substances that limit its effect or produce undesired side-effects). The subject is preferably an animal, including but not limited to, animals such as cows, pigs, horses, chickens, cats, dogs, etc., and is preferably a mammal, and most preferably a human.

Formulations and methods of administration that can be employed when the compound comprises a nucleic acid or an immunoglobulin are described above; additional appropriate formulations and routes of administration can be selected from among those described herein below.

Various delivery systems are known and can be used to administer antibody or fragment or variant thereof of the invention, e.g., encapsulation in liposomes, microparticles, microcapsules, recombinant cells capable of expressing the antibody or antibody fragment, receptor-mediated endocytosis (see, e.g., Wu and Wu, *J. Biol. Chem.* 262:4429-4432 (1987)), construction of a nucleic acid as part of a retroviral or other vector, etc. Methods of introduction include, but are not limited to, intradermal, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, intravenous, subcutaneous, intranasal, epidural, and oral routes. The compositions may be administered by any convenient route, for example by infusion or bolus injection, by absorption through epithelial or mucocutaneous linings (e.g., oral mucosa, rectal and intestinal mucosa, etc.) and may be administered together with other biologically active agents. Administration can be systemic or local. In addition, it may be desirable to introduce the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention into the central nervous system by any suitable route, including intraventricular and intrathecal injection; intraventricular injection may be facilitated by an intraventricular catheter, for example, attached to a reservoir, such as an Ommaya reservoir. Pulmonary administration can also be employed, e.g., by use of an inhaler or nebulizer, and formulation with an aerosolizing agent.

In a specific embodiment, it may be desirable to administer the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention locally to the area in need of treatment; this may be achieved by, for example, and not by way of limitation, local infusion during surgery, topical application, e.g., in conjunction with a wound dressing after surgery, by injection, by means of a catheter, by means of a suppository, or by means of an implant, said implant being of a porous, non-porous, or gelatinous material, including membranes, such as sialastic membranes, or fibers. Preferably, when administering a protein, including an antibody, of the invention, care must be taken to use materials to which the protein does not adsorb.

In another embodiment, the composition can be delivered in a vesicle, in particular a liposome (see Langer, *Science* 249:1527-1533 (1990); Treat et al., in *Liposomes in the Therapy of Infectious Disease and Cancer*, Lopez-Berestein and Fidler (eds.), Liss, New York, pp. 353-365 (1989); Lopez-Berestein, *ibid.*, pp. 317-327; see generally *ibid.*).

In yet another embodiment, the composition can be delivered in a controlled release system. In one embodiment, a pump may be used (see Langer, *supra*; Sefton, *CRC Crit. Rev. Biomed. Eng.* 14:201 (1987); Buchwald et al., *Surgery* 88:507 (1980); Sadek et al., *N. Engl. J. Med.* 321:574 (1989)). In another embodiment, polymeric materials can be used (see *Medical Applications of Controlled Release*, Langer and Wise (eds.), CRC Press, Boca Raton, Fla. (1974); *Controlled Drug Bioavailability, Drug Product Design and Performance*, Smolen and Ball (eds.), Wiley, New York (1984); Ranger and Peppas, *J. Macromol. Sci. Rev. Macromol. Chem.* 23:61 (1983); see also Levy et al., *Science* 228:190 (1985); Doring et al., *Ann. Neurol.* 25:351 (1989); Howard et al., *J. Neurosurg.* 71:105 (1989)). In yet another embodiment, a controlled release system can be placed in proximity of the therapeutic target, i.e., the brain, thus requiring only a fraction of the systemic dose (see, e.g., Goodson, in *Medical Applications of Controlled Release*, *supra*, vol. 2, pp. 115-138 (1984)).

Other controlled release systems are discussed in the review by Langer (*Science* 249:1527-1533 (1990)).

In a specific embodiment where the composition of the invention is a nucleic acid encoding a protein, the nucleic acid can be administered *in vivo* to promote expression of its encoded protein, by constructing it as part of an appropriate nucleic acid expression vector and administering it so that it becomes intracellular, e.g., by use of a retroviral vector (see U.S. Pat. No. 4,980,286), or by direct injection, or by use of microparticle bombardment (e.g., a gene gun; Biolistic, Dupont), or coating with lipids or cell-surface receptors or transfecting agents, or by administering it in linkage to a homeobox-like peptide which is known to enter the nucleus (see e.g., Joliet et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 88:1864-1868 (1991)), etc. Alternatively, a nucleic acid can be introduced intracellularly and incorporated within host cell DNA for expression, by homologous recombination.

The present invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions. Such compositions comprise a therapeutically effective amount of an antibody or a fragment thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. In a specific embodiment, the term "pharmaceutically acceptable" means approved by a regulatory agency of the Federal or a state government or listed in the U.S. Pharmacopeia or other generally recognized pharmacopeia for use in animals, and more particularly in humans. The term "carrier" refers to a diluent, adjuvant, excipient, or vehicle with which the therapeutic is administered. Such pharmaceutical carriers can be sterile liquids, such as water and oils, including those of petroleum, animal, vegetable or synthetic origin, such as peanut oil, soybean oil, mineral oil, sesame oil and the like. Water is a preferred carrier when the pharmaceutical composition is administered intravenously. Saline solutions and aqueous dextrose and glycerol solutions can also be employed as liquid carriers, particularly for injectable solutions. Suitable pharmaceutical excipients include starch, glucose, lactose, sucrose, gelatin, malt, rice, flour, chalk, silica gel, sodium stearate, glycerol monostearate, talc, sodium chloride, dried skim milk, glycerol, propylene glycol, water, ethanol and the like. The composition, if desired, can also contain minor amounts of wetting or emulsifying agents, or pH buffering agents. These compositions can take the form of solutions, suspensions, emulsion, tablets, pills, capsules, powders, sustained-release formulations and the like. The composition can be formulated as a suppository, with traditional binders and carriers such as triglycerides. Oral formulation can include standard carriers such as pharmaceutical grades of mannitol, lactose, starch, magnesium stearate, sodium saccharine, cellulose, magnesium carbonate, etc. Examples of suitable pharmaceutical carriers are described in "Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences" by E. W. Martin. Such compositions will contain a therapeutically effective amount of the antibody or fragment thereof, preferably in purified form, together with a suitable amount of carrier so as to provide the form for proper administration to the patient. The formulation should suit the mode of administration.

In a preferred embodiment, the composition is formulated in accordance with routine procedures as a pharmaceutical composition adapted for intravenous administration to human beings. Typically, compositions for intravenous administration are solutions in sterile isotonic aqueous buffer. Where necessary, the composition may also include a solubilizing agent and a local anesthetic such as lignocaine to ease pain at the site of the injection. Generally, the ingredients are supplied either separately or mixed together in unit dosage form, for example, as a dry lyophilized

powder or water free concentrate in a hermetically sealed container such as an ampoule or sachette indicating the quantity of active agent. Where the composition is to be administered by infusion, it can be dispensed with an infusion bottle containing sterile pharmaceutical grade water or saline. Where the composition is administered by injection, an ampoule of sterile water for injection or saline can be provided so that the ingredients may be mixed prior to administration.

The compositions of the invention can be formulated as neutral or salt forms. Pharmaceutically acceptable salts include those formed with anions such as those derived from hydrochloric, phosphoric, acetic, oxalic, tartaric acids, etc., and those formed with cations such as those derived from sodium, potassium, ammonium, calcium, ferric hydroxides, isopropylamine, triethylamine, 2-ethylamino ethanol, histidine, procaine, etc.

The amount of the composition of the invention which will be effective in the treatment, inhibition and prevention of a disease or disorder associated with aberrant expression and/or activity of a polypeptide of the invention can be determined by standard clinical techniques. In addition, in vitro assays may optionally be employed to help identify optimal dosage ranges. The precise dose to be employed in the formulation will also depend on the route of administration, and the seriousness of the disease or disorder, and should be decided according to the judgment of the practitioner and each patient's circumstances. Effective doses may be extrapolated from dose-response curves derived from in vitro or animal model test systems.

For antibodies, the dosage administered to a patient is typically 0.1 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg of the patient's body weight. Preferably, the dosage administered to a patient is between 0.1 mg/kg and 20 mg/kg of the patient's body weight, more preferably 1 mg/kg to 10 mg/kg of the patient's body weight. Generally, human antibodies have a longer half-life within the human body than antibodies from other species due to the immune response to the foreign polypeptides. Thus, lower dosages of human antibodies and less frequent administration is often possible. Further, the dosage and frequency of administration of therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention may be reduced by enhancing uptake and tissue penetration (e.g., into the brain) of the antibodies by modifications such as, for example, lipidation.

The antibodies and antibody compositions of the invention may be administered alone or in combination with other adjuvants. Adjuvants that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, alum, alum plus deoxycholate (ImmuoAg), MTP-PE (Biocine Corp.), QS21 (Genentech, Inc.), BCG, and MPL. In a specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with alum. In another specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with QS-21. Further adjuvants that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, Monophosphoryl lipid immunomodulator, Adju Vax 100a, QS-21, QS-18, CRL1005, Aluminum salts, MF-59, and Virosomal adjuvant technology. Vaccines that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, vaccines directed toward protection against MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), polio, varicella, tetanus/diphtheria, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, *Haemophilus influenzae* B, whooping cough, pneumonia, influenza, Lyme's Disease, rotavirus, cholera, yellow

fever, Japanese encephalitis, poliomyelitis, rabies, typhoid fever, and pertussis, and/or PNEUMOVAX-23™. Combinations may be administered either concomitantly, e.g., as an admixture, separately but simultaneously or concurrently; or sequentially. This includes presentations in which the combined agents are administered together as a therapeutic mixture, and also procedures in which the combined agents are administered separately but simultaneously, e.g., as through separate intravenous lines into the same individual. Administration "in combination" further includes the separate administration of one of the compounds or agents given first, followed by the second.

In another specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are used in combination with PNEUMOVAX-23™ to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose infection and/or any disease, disorder, and/or condition associated therewith. In one embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are used in combination with PNEUMOVAX-23™ to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose any Gram positive bacterial infection and/or any disease, disorder, and/or condition associated therewith. In another embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are used in combination with PNEUMOVAX-23™ to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose infection and/or any disease, disorder, and/or condition associated with one or more members of the genus *Enterococcus* and/or the genus *Streptococcus*. In another embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are used in any combination with PNEUMOVAX-23™ to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose infection and/or any disease, disorder, and/or condition associated with one or more members of the Group B streptococci. In another embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are used in combination with PNEUMOVAX-23™ to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose infection and/or any disease, disorder, and/or condition associated with *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.

The antibody and antibody compositions of the invention may be administered alone or in combination with other therapeutic agents, including but not limited to, chemotherapeutic agents, antibiotics, antivirals, steroidal and non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, conventional immunotherapeutic agents and cytokines. Combinations may be administered either concomitantly, e.g., as an admixture, separately but simultaneously or concurrently; or sequentially. This includes presentations in which the combined agents are administered together as a therapeutic mixture, and also procedures in which the combined agents are administered separately but simultaneously, e.g., as through separate intravenous lines into the same individual. Administration "in combination" further includes the separate administration of one of the compounds or agents given first, followed by the second.

In one embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with other members of the TNF family. TNF, TNF-related or TNF-like molecules that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, soluble forms of TNF- α , lymphotoxin- α (LT- α , also known as TNF- β), LT- β (found in complex heterotrimeric LT- α - β - β), OPG, FasL, CD27L, CD30L, CD40L, 4-1BBL, DcK3, OX40L, TNF- γ (International Publication No. WO 96/14328), TRAIL, AIM-II (International Publication No. WO 97/34911), APRIL (J. Exp. Med. 188(6):1185-1190 (1998)), endokine- α (International Publication No. WO 98/07880), Neurokinine- α (International Application Publication No. WO 98/18921), OPG, OX40, and nerve

growth factor (NGF), and soluble forms of Fias, CD30, CD27, CD40 and 4-1BB, TR2 (International Publication No. WO 96/34095), DR3 (International Publication No. WO 97/33904), DR4 (International Publication No. WO 98/32856), TR5 (International Publication No. WO 98/30693), TR6 (International Publication No. WO 98/30694), TR7 (International Publication No. WO 98/41629), TRANK, TR9 (International Publication No. WO 98/56892), 312C2 (International Publication No. WO 98/06842), and TR12, and soluble forms CD154, CD70, and CD153.

In a preferred embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with CD40 ligand (CD40L), a soluble form of CD40L (e.g., AVREND™), biologically active fragments, variants, or derivatives of CD40L, anti-CD40L antibodies (e.g., agonistic or antagonistic antibodies), and/or anti-CD40 antibodies (e.g., agonistic or antagonistic antibodies).

In an additional embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered alone or in combination with an anti-angiogenic agent(s). Anti-angiogenic agents that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, Angiostatin (Entremed, Rockville, Md.), TROPIN-1 (Boston Life Sciences, Boston, Mass.), anti-Invasive Factor, retinoic acid and derivatives thereof, paclitaxel (Taxol), Suramin, Tissue Inhibitor of Metalloproteinase-1, Tissue Inhibitor of Metalloproteinase-2, VEGF, Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor-1, Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor-2, and various forms of the lighter "d" group transition metals.

Lighter "d" group transition metals include, for example, vanadium, molybdenum, tungsten, titanium, niobium, and tantalum species. Such transition metal species may form transition metal complexes. Suitable complexes of the above-mentioned transition metal species include oxo transition metal complexes.

Representative examples of vanadium complexes include oxo vanadium complexes such as vanadate and vanadyl complexes. Suitable vanadate complexes include metavanadate and orthovanadate complexes such as, for example, ammonium metavanadate, sodium metavanadate, and sodium orthovanadate. Suitable vanadyl complexes include, for example, vanadyl acetylacetonate and vanadyl sulfate including vanadyl sulfate hydrates such as vanadyl sulfate mono- and trihydrates.

Representative examples of tungsten and molybdenum complexes also include oxo complexes. Suitable oxo tungsten complexes include tungstate and tungsten oxide complexes. Suitable tungstate complexes include ammonium tungstate, calcium tungstate, sodium tungstate dihydrate, and tungstic acid. Suitable tungsten oxides include tungsten (IV) oxide and tungsten (VI) oxide. Suitable oxo molybdenum complexes include molybdate, molybdenum oxide, and molybdenyl complexes. Suitable molybdate complexes include ammonium molybdate and its hydrates, sodium molybdate and its hydrates, and potassium molybdate and its hydrates. Suitable molybdenum oxides include molybdenum (VI) oxide, molybdenum (VI) oxide, and molybdic acid. Suitable molybdenyl complexes include, for example, molybdenyl acetylacetonate. Other suitable tungsten and molybdenum complexes include hydroxo derivatives derived from, for example, glycerol, tartaric acid, and sugars.

A wide variety of other anti-angiogenic factors may also be utilized within the context of the present invention. Representative examples include, but are not limited to, platelet factor 4; protamine sulphate; sulphated chitin

derivatives (prepared from queen crab shells), (Murata et al., Cancer Res. 51:22-26, 1991); Sulphated Polysaccharide Peptidoglycan Complex (SP-PG) (the function of this compound may be enhanced by the presence of steroids such as estrogen, and tamoxifen citrate); Staurosporine; modulators of matrix metabolism, including for example, proline analogs, cishydroxyproline, d,l-3,4-dehydroproline, Thiapropine, alpha, alpha-dipyrindyl, aminopropionitrile fumarate; 4-propyl-5-(4-pyridinyl)-2 (3H)-oxazolone; Methotrexate; Mitoxantrone; Heparin; Interferons; 2 Macroglobulin-serum; ChIMP-3 (Pavloff et al., J. Bio. Chem. 267:17321-17326, 1992); Chymostatin (Tomkinson et al., Biochem J. 286:475-480, 1992); Cyclodextrin Tetradecasulfate; Eponemycin; Camptothecin; Fumagillin (Ingber et al., Nature 348:555-557, 1990); Gold Sodium Thiomalate ("GST"; Matsubara and Ziff, J. Clin. Invest. 79:1440-1446, 1987); anticollagenase-serum; alpha2-antiplasmin (Holmes et al., J. Biol. Chem. 262(4):1659-1664, 1987); Bisantrene (National Cancer Institute); Lobenzarit disodium (N-(2)-carboxyphenyl-4-chloroanthranilic acid disodium or "CCA"; (Takeuchi et al., Agents Actions 36:312-316, 1992); and metalloproteinase inhibitors such as BB94.

Additional anti-angiogenic factors that may also be utilized within the context of the present invention include Thalidomide, (Celgene, Warren, N.J.); Angiostatic steroid; AGM-1470 (H. Brem and J. Folkman J. *Pediatr. Surg.* 28:445-51 (1993)); an integrin alpha v beta 3 antagonist (C. Storgard et al., *J. Clin. Invest.* 103:47-54 (1999)); carboxy-naminalmidazole; Carboxyamidotriazole (CAI) (National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Md.); Conbrestatin A-4 (CA4P) (OXIGENE, Boston, Mass.); Squallamine (Magainin Pharmaceuticals, Plymouth Meeting, Pa.); TNP-470, (Tap Pharmaceuticals, Deerfield, Ill.); ZD-0101 AstraZeneca (London, UK); APRA (CT2584); Benefin, Byrostatin-1 (SC339555); CGP-41251 (PKC 412); CM101; Dextrazoxane (ICRF187); DMXAA; Endostatin; Flavopridol; Genestein; GTE; ImmTher; Iressa (ZD1839); Octreotide (Somatostatin); Panretin; Penicillamine; Photopoint; PI-88; Pirinostat (AG-3340) Purlytin; Suradista (FCE26644); Tamoxifen (Nolvadex); Tazarotene; Tetrathiomolybdate; Xeloda (Capecitabine); and 5-Fluorouracil.

Anti-angiogenic agents that may be administered in combination with the compounds of the invention may work through a variety of mechanisms including, but not limited to, inhibiting proteolysis of the extracellular matrix, blocking the function of endothelial cell-extracellular matrix adhesion molecules, by antagonizing the function of angiogenesis inducers such as growth factors, and inhibiting integrin receptors expressed on proliferating endothelial cells. Examples of anti-angiogenic inhibitors that interfere with extracellular matrix proteolysis and which may be administered in combination with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, AG-3340 (Agouron, La Jolla, Calif.), BAY-12-9566 (Bayer, West Haven, Conn.), BMS-275291 (Bristol Myers Squibb, Princeton, N.J.), CGS-27032A (Novartis, East Hanover, N.J.), Marinastat (British Biotech, Oxford, UK), and Metastat (Aeterna, St-Foy, Quebec). Examples of anti-angiogenic inhibitors that act by blocking the function of endothelial cell-extracellular matrix adhesion molecules and which may be administered in combination with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, EMD-121974 (Merck & Co., Darmstadt, Germany) and Vitaxin (Ixsys, La Jolla, Calif./Medimune, Gaithersburg, Md.). Examples of anti-angiogenic agents that act by directly antagonizing or inhibiting angiogenesis inducers and which may be administered in combi-

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nation with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, Angiozyme (Ribozyme, Boulder, Colo.), Anti-VEGF antibody (Genentech, S. San Francisco, Calif.), PTK-787/ZK-225846 (Novartis, Basel, Switzerland), SU-101 (Sugen, S. San Francisco, Calif.), SU-5416 (Sugen/Pharmacia Upjohn, Bridgewater, N.J.), and SU-6668 (Sugen). Other anti-angiogenic agents act to indirectly inhibit angiogenesis. Examples of indirect inhibitors of angiogenesis which may be administered in combination with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, IM-862 (Cytran, Kirkland, Wash.), Interferon-alpha, IL-12 (Roche, Nutley, N.J.), and Pentosan polysulfate (Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.).

In particular embodiments, the use of antibody and antibody compositions of the invention in combination with anti-angiogenic agents is contemplated for the treatment, prevention, and/or amelioration of an autoimmune disease, such as for example, an autoimmune disease described herein.

In a particular embodiment, the use of antibody and antibody compositions of the invention in combination with anti-angiogenic agents is contemplated for the treatment, prevention, and/or amelioration of arthritis. In a more particular embodiment, the use of antibody and antibody compositions of the invention in combination with anti-angiogenic agents is contemplated for the treatment, prevention, and/or amelioration of rheumatoid arthritis.

In another embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with an anticoagulant. Anticoagulants that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, heparin, warfarin, and aspirin. In a specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with heparin and/or warfarin. In another specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with warfarin. In another specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with aspirin. In another specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with heparin and aspirin.

In another embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with an agent that suppresses the production of anticardiolipin antibodies. In specific embodiments, the polynucleotides of the invention are administered in combination with an agent that blocks and/or reduces the ability of anticardiolipin antibodies to bind phospholipid-binding plasma protein beta 2-glycoprotein I (b2GPI).

In certain embodiments, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with antiretroviral agents, nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, and/or protease inhibitors. Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors that may be administered in combination with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention, include, but are not limited to, RETROVIR™ (zidovudine/AZT), VIDEX™ (didanosine/ddI), HIVID™ (zalcitabine/dC), ZERIT™ (stavudine/d4T), EPVIR™ (lamivudine/3TC), and COMBIVIR™ (zidovudine/lamivudine). Non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors that may be administered in combination with the antibody and antibody

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compositions of the invention, include, but are not limited to, VIRAMUNE™ (nevirapine), RESCRIPTOR™ (delavirdine), and SUSTIVA™ (efavirenz). Protease inhibitors that may be administered in combination with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention, include, but are not limited to, CRIVAN™ (indinavir), NORVIR™ (ritonavir), INVIRASE™ (saquinavir), and VIRACEPT™ (nelfinavir). In a specific embodiment, antiretroviral agents, nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, and/or protease inhibitors may be used in any combination with antibody and antibody compositions of the invention to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose AIDS and/or to treat, prevent, and/or diagnose HIV infection.

In other embodiments, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention may be administered in combination with anti-opportunistic infection agents. Anti-opportunistic agents that may be administered in combination with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention, include, but are not limited to, TRIMETHOPRIM-SULFAMETHOXAZOLE™, DAPSONE™, PENTAMIDINE™, ATOVAQUONE™, ISONIAZID™, RIFAMPIN™, PYRAZINAMIDE™, ETHAMBUTOL™, RIFABUTIN™, CLARITHROMYCIN™, AZITHROMYCIN™, GANCICLOVIR™, FOSCARNET™, CIDOFOVIR™, FLUCONAZOLE™, ITRACONAZOLE™, KETOCONAZOLE™, ACYCLOVIR™, FAMCICOLVIR™, PYRIMETHAMINE™, LEUCOVORIN™, NEUPOGEN™ (filgrastim/G-CSF), and LEUKINE™ (sargramostim/GM-CSF). In a specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are used in any combination with TRIMETHOPRIM-SULFAMETHOXAZOLE™, DAPSONE™, PENTAMIDINE™, and/or ATOVAQUONE™ to prophylactically treat, prevent, and/or diagnose an opportunistic *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia infection. In another specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are used in any combination with ISONIAZID™, RIFAMPIN™, PYRAZINAMIDE™, and/or ETHAMBUTOL™ to prophylactically treat, prevent, and/or diagnose an opportunistic *Mycobacterium avium* complex infection. In another specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are used in any combination with RIFABUTIN™, CLARITHROMYCIN™, and/or AZITHROMYCIN™ to prophylactically treat, prevent, and/or diagnose an opportunistic *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* infection. In another specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are used in any combination with GANCICLOVIR™, FOSCARNET™, and/or CIDOFOVIR™ to prophylactically treat, prevent, and/or diagnose an opportunistic cytomegalovirus infection. In another specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are used in any combination with FLUCONAZOLE™, ITRACONAZOLE™, and/or KETOCONAZOLE™ to prophylactically treat, prevent, and/or diagnose an opportunistic fungal infection. In another specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are used in any combination with ACYCLOVIR™ and/or FAMCICOLVIR™ to prophylactically treat, prevent, and/or diagnose an opportunistic herpes simplex virus type 1 and/or type II infection. In another specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are used in any combination with PYRIMETHAMINE™ and/or LEUCOVORIN™ to prophylactically treat, prevent, and/or diagnose an opportunistic *Toxoplasma gondii* infection. In another specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are used in any combination with

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LEUCOVORIN™ and/or NEUPOGEN™ to prophylactically treat, prevent, and/or diagnose an opportunistic bacterial infection.

In a further embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with an antiviral agent. Antiviral agents that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, acyclovir, ribavirin, amantadine, and remantidine.

In a further embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with an antibiotic agent. Antibiotic agents that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, amoxicillin, aminoglycosides, beta-lactam (glycopeptide), beta-lactamases, Clindamycin, chloramphenicol, cephalosporins, ciprofloxacin, ciprofloxacin, erythromycin, fluoroquinolones, macrolides, metronidazole, penicillins, quinolones, rifampin, streptomycin, sulfonamide, tetracyclines, trimethoprim, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, and vancomycin.

Conventional nonspecific immunosuppressive agents, that may be administered in combination with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, steroids, cyclosporine, cyclosporine analogs cyclophosphamide, cyclophosphamide IV, methylprednisolone, prednisolone, azathioprine, FK-506, 15-deoxyspergualin, and other immunosuppressive agents that act by suppressing the function of responding T cells.

In specific embodiments, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with immunosuppressants. Immunosuppressants preparations that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, ORTHOCLONE™ (OKT3), SANDIMMUNE™/NEORAL™/SANGDYA™ (cyclosporin), PROGRAF™ (tacrolimus), CELLCEPT™ (mycophenolate), Azathioprine, glucorticosteroids, and RAPAMUNE™ (sirolimus). In a specific embodiment, immunosuppressants may be used to prevent rejection of organ or bone marrow transplantation.

In a preferred embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with steroid therapy. Steroids that may be administered in combination with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention, include, but are not limited to, oral corticosteroids, prednisone, and methylprednisolone (e.g., IV methylprednisolone). In a specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with prednisone. In a further specific embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with prednisone and an immunosuppressive agent. Immunosuppressive agents that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention and prednisone are those described herein, and include, but are not limited to, azathioprine, cyclophosphamide, and cyclophosphamide IV. In another specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with methylprednisolone. In a further specific embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with methylprednisolone and an immunosuppressive agent. Immunosuppressive agents that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention and methylprednisolone are those described herein, and include, but are not limited to, azathioprine, cyclophosphamide, and cyclophosphamide IV.

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In a preferred embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with an antimalarial. Antimalarials that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, hydroxychloroquine, chloroquine, and/or quinaerine.

In a preferred embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with an NSAID.

In a nonexclusive embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with one, two, three, four, five, ten, or more of the following drugs: NRD-101 (Hoechst Marion Roussel), diclofenac (Dimethaid), oxaprozin potassium (Monsanto), mecasermin (Chiron), T-614 (Toyama), pemetrexed disodium (Eli Lilly), atreleuton (Abbott), valdecoxib (Monsanto), eltenac (Byk Gulden), campath, AGM-1470 (Takeda), CDP-571 (CellTech Chiroscience), CM-101 (CarboMed), ML-3000 (Merkle), CB-2431 (KS Biomedix), CBF-BS2 (KS Biomedix), IL-1ra gene therapy (Valentis), JTE-522 (Japan Tobacco), paclitaxel (Angiotech), DW-166HC (Dong Hua), darbifenone mesylate (Warner-Lambert), soluble TNF receptor 1 (synergen; Amgen), IPR-6001 (Institute for Pharmaceutical Research), trocade (Hoffman-La Roche), EF-5 (Scotia Pharmaceuticals), BIII-284 (Boehringer Ingelheim), BIII-1149 (Boehringer Ingelheim), Leuko Vax (Inflammatics), MK-663 (Merkel), ST-1482 (Sigma-Tau), and butixocort propionate (Warner-Lambert).

In a preferred embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with one, two, three, four, five or more of the following drugs: methotrexate, sulfasalazine, sodium aurothiomalate, auranofin, cyclosporine, penicillamine, azathioprine, an antimalarial drug (e.g., as described herein), cyclophosphamide, chlorambucil, gold, ENBREL™ (Etanercept), anti-TNF antibody, LJP 394 (La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company, San Diego, Calif.) and prednisolone.

In a more preferred embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with an antimalarial, methotrexate, anti-TNF antibody, ENBREL™ and/or sulfasalazine. In one embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with methotrexate. In another embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with anti-TNF antibody. In another embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with methotrexate and anti-TNF antibody. In another embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with sulfasalazine. In another specific embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with methotrexate, anti-TNF antibody, and sulfasalazine. In another embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with ENBREL™ and methotrexate. In another embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with ENBREL™, methotrexate and sulfasalazine. In another embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with ENBREL™, methotrexate and sulfasalazine. In other embodiments, one or more antimalarials is combined with one of the above-recited combinations. In a specific embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the inven-

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tion are administered in combination with an antimalarial (e.g., hydroxychloroquine), ENBREL™, methotrexate and sulfasalazine. In another specific embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with an antimalarial (e.g., hydroxychloroquine), sulfasalazine, anti-TNF antibody, and methotrexate.

In an additional embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered alone or in combination with one or more intravenous immune globulin preparations. Intravenous immune globulin preparations that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but not limited to, GAM-MAR™, IVEEGAM™, SANDOGLLOBULIN™, GAM-MAGARD S/D™, and GAMIMUNE™. In a specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with intravenous immune globulin preparations in transplantation therapy (e.g., bone marrow transplant).

CD40 ligand (CD40L), a soluble form of CD40L (e.g., AVREND™), biologically active fragments, variants, or derivatives of CD40L, anti-CD40L antibodies (e.g., agonistic or antagonistic antibodies), and/or anti-CD40 antibodies (e.g., agonistic or antagonistic antibodies).

In an additional embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered alone or in combination with an anti-inflammatory agent. Anti-inflammatory agents that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, glucocorticoids and the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories, aminoarylcarboxylic acid derivatives, arylacetic acid derivatives, arylbutyric acid derivatives, arylcarboxylic acids, arylpropionic acid derivatives, pyrazoles, pyrazolones, salicylic acid derivatives, thiazinecarboxamides, α -acetamidopropionic acid, S-adenosylmethionine, 3-amino-4-hydroxybutyric acid, amixetrine, bendazac, benzydamine, bucolome, difenpiramide, ditazol, emorfazone, guaiazulene, nabumetone, nimesulide, orgotein, oxaceprol, paranyline, perioxal, pifoxine, proquazone, proxazole, and tenidap.

In another embodiment, compositions of the invention are administered in combination with a chemotherapeutic agent. Chemotherapeutic agents that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, antibiotic derivatives (e.g., doxorubicin, bleomycin, daunorubicin, and dactinomycin); antiestrogens (e.g., tamoxifen); antineoplastic agents (e.g., fluorouracil, 5-FU, methotrexate, flouxiridine, interferon alpha-2b, glutamic acid, plicamycin, mercaptopurine, and 6-thioguanine); cytotoxic agents (e.g., carmustine, BCNU, lomustine, CCNU, cytosine arabinoside, cyclophosphamide, estramustine, hydroxyurea, procarbazine, mitomycin, busulfan, cis-platin, and vincristine sulfate); hormones (e.g., medroxyprogesterone, estramustine phosphate sodium, ethinyl estradiol, estradiol, megestrol acetate, methyltestosterone, diethylstilbestrol diposphate, chlortrianisene, and testosterone); nitrogen mustard derivatives (e.g., mephalen, chlorambucil, mechlorethamine (nitrogen mustard) and thiopeta); steroids and combinations (e.g., bethamethasone sodium phosphate); and others (e.g., dicarbazine, asparaginase, mitotane, vincristine sulfate, vinblastine sulfate, and etoposide).

In a specific embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with CHOP (cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, and prednisone) or any combination of the components of CHOP. In another embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination

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with Rituximab. In a further embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered with Rituximab and CHOP, or Rituximab and any combination of the components of CHOP.

In an additional embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with cytokines. Cytokines that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, GM-CSF, G-CSF, IL-2, IL-3, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-10, IL-12, IL-13, IL-15, anti-CD40, CD40L, IFN-alpha, IFN-beta, IFN-gamma, TNF-alpha, and TNF-beta. In preferred embodiments, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered with B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., amino acids 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228). In another embodiment, antibody and antibody compositions of the invention may be administered with any interleukin, including, but not limited to, IL-1 alpha, IL-1beta, IL-2, IL-3, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-9, IL-10, IL-11, IL-12, IL-13, IL-14, IL-15, IL-16, IL-17, IL-18, IL-19, IL-20, IL-21, and IL-22. In preferred embodiments, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with IL-4 and IL-10.

In one embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with one or more chemokines. In specific embodiments, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with an α (CxC) chemokine selected from the group consisting of gamma-interferon inducible protein-10 (γIP-10), interleukin-8 (IL-8), platelet factor-4 (PF4), neutrophil activating protein (NAP-2), GRO- α , GRO- β , GRO- γ , neutrophil-activating peptide (ENA-78), granulocyte chemoattractant protein-2 (GCP-2), and stromal cell-derived factor-1 (SDF-1), or pre-B cell stimulatory factor (PBSF); and/or a β (CC) chemokine selected from the group consisting of: RANTES (regulated on activation, normal T expressed and secreted), macrophage inflammatory protein-1 alpha (MIP-1 α), macrophage inflammatory protein-1 beta (MIP-1 β), monocyte chemoattractant protein-1 (MCP-1), monocyte chemoattractant protein-2 (MCP-2), monocyte chemoattractant protein-3 (MCP-3), monocyte chemoattractant protein-4 (MCP-4), macrophage inflammatory protein-1 gamma (MIP-1 γ), macrophage inflammatory protein-3 alpha (MIP-3 α), macrophage inflammatory protein-3 beta (MIP-3 β), macrophage inflammatory protein-4 (MIP-4/DC-CK-1/ PARC), eotaxin, Exodux, and I-309; and/or the γ (C) chemokine, lymphotactin.

In another embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered with chemokine beta-8, chemokine beta-1, and/or macrophage inflammatory protein-4. In a preferred embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered with chemokine beta-8.

In an additional embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with an IL-4 antagonist. IL-4 antagonists that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to: soluble IL-4 receptor polypeptides; multimeric forms of soluble IL-4 receptor polypeptides; anti-IL-4 receptor antibodies that bind the IL-4 receptor without transducing the biological signal elicited by IL-4; anti-IL-4 antibodies that block binding of IL-4 to one or more IL-4 receptors, and mutants of IL-4 that bind IL-4 receptors but do not transduce the biological signal elicited by IL-4. Preferably, the antibodies employed according to this method are monoclonal antibodies (including antibody fragments, such as, for example, those described herein).

The invention also encompasses combining the polynucleotides and/or polypeptides of the invention (and/or agonists or antagonists thereof) with other proposed or conventional hematopoietic therapies. Thus, for example, the polynucleotides and/or polypeptides of the invention (and/or agonists or antagonists thereof) can be combined with compounds that singly exhibit erythropoietic stimulatory effects, such as erythropoietin, testosterone, progenitor cell stimulators, insulin-like growth factor, prostaglandins, serotonin, cyclic AMP, prolactin, and triiodothyronine. Also encompassed are combinations of the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention with compounds generally used to treat aplastic anemia, such as, for example, methenolene, stanozolol, and nandrolone; to treat iron-deficiency anemia, such as, for example, iron preparations; to treat malignant anemia, such as, for example, vitamin B₁₂ and/or folic acid; and to treat hemolytic anemia, such as, for example, adrenocortical steroids, e.g., corticoids. See e.g., Resegotti et al., *Pannieria Medica*, 23:243-248 (1981); Kurtz, *FEBS Letters*, 14a:105-108 (1982); McGonigle et al., *Kidney Int.*, 25:437-444 (1984); and Pavlovic-Kantera, *Expt. Hematol.*, 8(supp. 8) 283-291 (1980), the contents of each of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

Compounds that enhance the effects of or synergize with erythropoietin are also useful as adjuvants herein, and include but are not limited to, adrenergic agonists, thyroid hormones, androgens, hepatic erythropoietic factors, erythropoietins, and erythropoietins. See for e.g., Dunn, "Current Concepts in Erythropoiesis", John Wiley and Sons (Chichester, England, 1983); Kalmanti, *Kidney Int.*, 22:383-391 (1982); Shahidi, *New Eng. J. Med.*, 289:72-80 (1973); Urabe et al., *J. Exp. Med.*, 149:1314-1325 (1979); Billat et al., *Expt. Hematol.*, 10:133-140 (1982); Naughton et al., *Acta Haemat.*, 69:171-179 (1983); Cognote et al. in abstract 364, *Proceedings 7th Intl. Cong. of Endocrinology* (Quebec City, Quebec, Jul. 1-7, 1984); and Rothman et al., 1982, *J. Surg. Oncol.*, 20:105-108 (1982). Methods for stimulating hematopoiesis comprise administering a hematopoietically effective amount (i.e., an amount which effects the formation of blood cells) of a pharmaceutical composition containing polynucleotides and/or polypeptides of the invention (and/or agonists or antagonists thereof) to a patient. The polynucleotides and/or polypeptides of the invention and/or agonists or antagonists thereof is administered to the patient by any suitable technique, including but not limited to, parenteral, sublingual, topical, intrapulmonary and intranasal, and those techniques further discussed herein. The pharmaceutical composition optionally contains one or more members of the group consisting of erythropoietin, testosterone, progenitor cell stimulators, insulin-like growth factor, prostaglandins, serotonin, cyclic AMP, prolactin, triiodothyronine, methenolene, stanozolol, and nandrolone, iron preparations, vitamin B₁₂, folic acid and/or adrenocortical steroids.

In an additional embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combination with hematopoietic growth factors. Hematopoietic growth factors that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, LEUKINE™ (SARGRAMOSTIN™) and NEUPOGENT™ (FILGRASTIN™).

In an additional embodiment, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention are administered in combina-

tion with fibroblast growth factors. Fibroblast growth factors that may be administered with the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention include, but are not limited to, FGF-1, FGF-2, FGF-3, FGF-4, FGF-5, FGF-6, FGF-7, FGF-8, FGF-9, FGF-10, FGF-11, FGF-12, FGF-13, FGF-14, and FGF-15.

Additionally, the antibody and antibody compositions of the invention may be administered alone or in combination with other therapeutic regimens, including but not limited to, radiation therapy. Such combinatorial therapy may be administered sequentially and/or concomitantly.

Kits

The invention also provides a pharmaceutical pack or kit comprising one or more containers filled with one or more of the ingredients of the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention. Optionally associated with such container(s) can be a notice in the form prescribed by a governmental agency regulating the manufacture, use or sale of pharmaceuticals or biological products, which notice reflects approval by the agency of manufacture, use or sale for human administration.

The present invention provides kits that can be used in the above methods. In one embodiment, a kit comprises an antibody of the invention, preferably a purified antibody, in one or more containers. In an alternative embodiment, a kit comprises an antibody fragment that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In a specific embodiment, the kits of the present invention contain a substantially isolated B Lymphocyte Stimulator polypeptide as a control. Preferably, the kits of the present invention further comprise a control antibody which does not react with B Lymphocyte Stimulator. In another specific embodiment, the kits of the present invention contain a means for detecting the binding of an antibody to B Lymphocyte Stimulator (e.g., the antibody may be conjugated to a detectable substrate such as a fluorescent compound, an enzymatic substrate, a radioactive compound or a luminescent compound, or a second antibody which recognizes the first antibody may be conjugated to a detectable substrate). In specific embodiments, the kit may include a recombinantly produced or chemically synthesized B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The B Lymphocyte Stimulator provided in the kit may also be attached to a solid support. In a more specific embodiment the detecting means of the above-described kit includes a solid support to which B Lymphocyte Stimulator is attached. Such a kit may also include a non-attached reporter-labeled anti-human antibody. In this embodiment, binding of the antibody to B Lymphocyte Stimulator can be detected by binding of the said reporter-labeled antibody.

In an additional embodiment, the invention includes a diagnostic kit for use in screening serum containing antigens of the polypeptide of the invention. The diagnostic kit includes a substantially isolated antibody specifically immunoreactive with B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and means for detecting the binding of B Lymphocyte Stimulator to the antibody. In one embodiment, the antibody is attached to a solid support. In a specific embodiment, the antibody may be a monoclonal antibody. The detecting means of the kit may include a second, labeled monoclonal antibody. Alternatively, or in addition, the detecting means may include a labeled, competing antigen.

In one diagnostic configuration, test serum is reacted with a solid phase reagent having a surface-bound B Lymphocyte

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Stimulator obtained by the methods of the present invention. After B Lymphocyte Stimulator binds to a specific antibody, the unbound serum components are removed by washing, reporter-labeled anti-human antibody is added, unbound anti-human antibody is removed by washing, and a reagent is reacted with reporter-labeled anti-human antibody to bind reporter to the reagent in proportion to the amount of bound anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody on the solid support. Typically, the reporter is an enzyme which is detected by incubating the solid phase in the presence of a suitable fluorometric, luminescent or colorimetric substrate.

The solid surface reagent in the above assay is prepared by known techniques for attaching protein material to solid support material, such as polymeric beads, dip sticks, 96-well plate or filter material. These attachment methods generally include non-specific adsorption of the protein to the support or covalent attachment of the protein, typically through a free amine group, to a chemically reactive group on the solid support, such as an activated carboxyl, hydroxyl, or aldehyde group. Alternatively, streptavidin coated plates can be used in conjunction with biotinylated antigen(s).

Thus, the invention provides an assay system or kit for carrying out this diagnostic method. The kit generally includes a support with surface-bound recombinant B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and a reporter-labeled anti-human antibody for detecting surface-bound anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses a single chain Fv (scFv) having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses a single chain Fv (scFv) having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 46, 321 to 329, 1563 to 1595, and 1881 to 1908.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses a single chain Fv (scFv) having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1563 to 1880.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses a single chain Fv (scFv) having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1881 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses a single chain Fv (scFv) having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 1562.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 46, 321 to 329, 1563 to 1595, and 1881 to 1908.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1881 to 2128, and in which said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VH

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domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1563 to 1880, and in which said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

⁵ In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

¹⁰ In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 46, 321 to 329, 1563 to 1595, and 1881 to 1908.

¹⁵ In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1881 to 2128, and in which said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

²⁰ In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1563 to 1880, and in which said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds to the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

²⁵ In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator and which also comprises a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

³⁰ In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator and which also comprises a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, and in which said VL and said VH domains are derived from the same scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

³⁵ In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an antibody or fragment thereof comprising an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 2129 to 3227 wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

⁴⁰ In specific embodiments, the antibody or fragment thereof of the invention is a whole immunoglobulin molecule.

⁴⁵ In specific embodiments, the antibody or fragment thereof of the invention is a Fab fragment.

⁵⁰ In specific embodiments, the antibody or fragment thereof of the invention is a Fv fragment.

⁵⁵ In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses a chimeric protein comprising the antibody or fragment thereof of the invention covalently linked to a heterologous polypeptide.

⁶⁰ In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses a composition comprising two or more types of antibodies or fragments or variants thereof, each of which

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type immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and each of which type of antibody or fragment thereof comprises a VH domain from a different scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses a composition comprising two or more types of antibodies or fragments or variants thereof, each of which type immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and each of which type of antibody or fragment thereof comprises a VL domain from a different scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses a composition comprising two or more types of antibodies or fragments or variants thereof, each of which type immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and each of which type of antibody or fragment thereof comprises a VL domain from a different scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128 and wherein each type of antibody or fragment thereof further comprises a VH domain from a different scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses a composition comprising two or more types of antibodies or fragments or variants thereof, each of which type immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and each of which type of antibody or fragment thereof comprises a VH CDR3 having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 3129 to 3227.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses a panel of two or more types of antibodies or fragments or variants thereof, each of which type immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and each of which type of antibody or fragment thereof comprises a VH domain from a different scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NO: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses a panel of two or more types of antibodies or fragments or variants thereof, each of which type immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and each of which type of antibody or fragment thereof comprises a VL domain from a different scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NO: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses a panel of two or more types of antibodies or fragments or variants thereof, each of which type immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and each of which type of antibody or fragment thereof comprises a VL domain from a different scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NO: 1 to 2128 and wherein each type of antibody or fragment thereof comprises a VH domain from a different scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses a panel of two or more antibodies or fragments or variants thereof, each of which type immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and each of which type of antibody or fragment thereof comprises a VHCDR3 from a different scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 2129 to 3227.

In specific embodiments, the antibodies or fragments thereof of the antibody panel of the invention, are each in a well of a 96 well plate.

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In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 46, 321 to 329, 1563 to 1595, and 1881 to 1908, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1881 to 1908, wherein the antibody of fragment thereof immunospecifically binds the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1563 to 1569, wherein said antibody of fragment thereof immunospecifically binds the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The present invention also encompasses vectors comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule described above, including vectors comprising a nucleotide sequence which regulates the expression of the antibody or fragment thereof encoded by the above-described nucleic acid molecule. Additionally the present invention also encompasses host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described nucleic acid molecule which is operably linked to a heterologous promoter, as well as host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described vectors. Additionally, the present invention also provides a method for producing an antibody or fragment thereof comprising culturing the above-described host cells under conditions in which the nucleic acid molecule is expressed.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The present invention also encompasses vectors comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule described above, including vectors comprising a nucleotide sequence which regulates the expression of the antibody or fragment thereof encoded by the above-described nucleic acid molecule. Additionally the present invention also encompasses host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described nucleic acid molecule which is operably linked to a heterologous promoter, as well as host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described vectors. Additionally, the present invention also provides a method for producing an antibody or

fragment thereof comprising culturing the above-described host cells under conditions in which the nucleic acid molecule is expressed.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 46, 321 to 329, 1563 to 1595, and 1881 to 1908, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The present invention also encompasses vectors comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule described above, including vectors comprising a nucleotide sequence which regulates the expression of the antibody or fragment thereof encoded by the above-described nucleic acid molecule. Additionally the present invention also encompasses host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described nucleic acid molecule which is operably linked to a heterologous promoter, as well as host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described vectors. Additionally, the present invention also provides a method for producing an antibody or fragment thereof comprising culturing the above-described host cells under conditions in which the nucleic acid molecule is expressed.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1881 to 2128, wherein the antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The present invention also encompasses vectors comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule described above, including vectors comprising a nucleotide sequence which regulates the expression of the antibody or fragment thereof encoded by the above-described nucleic acid molecule. Additionally the present invention also encompasses host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described nucleic acid molecule which is operably linked to a heterologous promoter, as well as host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described vectors. Additionally, the present invention also provides a method for producing an antibody or fragment thereof comprising culturing the above-described host cells under conditions in which the nucleic acid molecule is expressed.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1563 to 1880, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The present invention also encompasses vectors comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule described above, including vectors comprising a nucleotide sequence which regulates the expression of the antibody or fragment thereof encoded by the above-described nucleic acid molecule. Additionally the present invention also encompasses host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described nucleic acid molecule which is operably linked to a heterologous promoter, as well as host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described vectors.

Additionally, the present invention also provides a method for producing an antibody or fragment thereof comprising culturing the above-described host cells under conditions in which the nucleic acid molecule is expressed.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator and which also comprises a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128. The present invention also encompasses vectors comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule described above, including vectors comprising a nucleotide sequence which regulates the expression of the antibody or fragment thereof encoded by the above-described nucleic acid molecule. Additionally the present invention also encompasses host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described nucleic acid molecule which is operably linked to a heterologous promoter, as well as host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described vectors. Additionally, the present invention also provides a method for producing an antibody or fragment thereof comprising culturing the above-described host cells under conditions in which the nucleic acid molecule is expressed.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator and which also comprises a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128 and in which said VL domain and said VH domain are derived from the same scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128. The present invention also encompasses vectors comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule described above, including vectors comprising a nucleotide sequence which regulates the expression of the antibody or fragment thereof encoded by the above-described nucleic acid molecule. Additionally the present invention also encompasses host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described nucleic acid molecule which is operably linked to a heterologous promoter, as well as host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described vectors. Additionally, the present invention also provides a method for producing an antibody or fragment thereof comprising culturing the above-described host cells under conditions in which the nucleic acid molecule is expressed.

In specific embodiments, the present invention encompasses an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody or fragment thereof comprising a VHCDR3 from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 2129 to 3227, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The present invention also encompasses vectors comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule described above, including vectors comprising a nucleotide sequence which regulates the expression of the antibody or fragment thereof encoded by the above-de-

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scribed nucleic acid molecule. Additionally the present invention also encompasses host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described nucleic acid molecule which is operably linked to a heterologous promoter, as well as host cells, including mammalian host cells, comprising the above-described vectors. Additionally, the present invention also provides a method for producing an antibody or fragment thereof comprising culturing the above-described host cells under conditions in which the nucleic acid molecule is expressed.

In specific embodiments, the present invention provides an antibody or fragment thereof that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said antibody or fragment thereof comprising an amino acid sequence of a VH domain encoded by a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions to a nucleotide sequence encoding a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the present invention provides an antibody or fragment thereof that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said antibody or fragment thereof comprising an amino acid sequence of a VL domain encoded by a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions to a nucleotide sequence encoding a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the present invention provides an antibody or fragment thereof that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said antibody or fragment thereof comprising an amino acid sequence of a VH domain encoded by a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under highly stringent conditions to a nucleotide sequence encoding a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the present invention provides an antibody or fragment thereof that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said antibody or fragment thereof comprising an amino acid sequence of a VL domain encoded by a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under highly stringent conditions to a nucleotide sequence encoding a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the present invention provides an antibody or fragment thereof that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said antibody or fragment thereof comprising an amino acid sequence of a CDR encoded by a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions to a nucleotide sequence encoding a CDR from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the present invention provides an antibody or fragment thereof that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said antibody or fragment thereof comprising an amino acid sequence of a CDR encoded by a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under highly stringent conditions to a nucleotide sequence encoding a CDR from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the present invention provides an antibody or fragment thereof that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said antibody or fragment thereof comprising an amino acid sequence of a VH CDR3 encoded by a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes

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under stringent conditions to a nucleotide sequence encoding a VH CDR3 having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 2129 to 3227.

In specific embodiments, the present invention provides an antibody or fragment thereof that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator, said antibody or fragment thereof comprising an amino acid sequence of a VH CDR3 encoded by a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under highly stringent conditions to a nucleotide sequence encoding a VH CDR3 having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 2129 to 3227.

In specific embodiments, the present invention provides a method for detecting of aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, comprising:

assaying the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression in cells or a tissue sample of an individual using one or more antibodies or fragments or variants thereof that immunospecifically bind B Lymphocyte Stimulator; and

comparing the level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator assayed in the cells or a tissue sample with a standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or a level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator in cells or a tissue sample from an individual without aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression, wherein an increase or decrease in the assayed level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or level in cells or a tissue sample from an individual without aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression compared to the standard level of B Lymphocyte Stimulator is indicative of aberrant expression.

In specific embodiments, the present invention provides a method for diagnosing a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression or activity, comprising:

administering to a subject an effective amount of a labeled antibody or fragment thereof that immunospecifically binds to B Lymphocyte Stimulator;

waiting for a time interval following the administering for permitting the labeled antibody or fragment thereof to preferentially concentrate at sites in the subject where B Lymphocyte Stimulator is expressed;

determining background level; and

detecting the labeled antibody or fragment thereof in the subject, such that detection of labeled antibody or fragment thereof above the background level indicates that the subject has a particular disease or disorder associated with aberrant expression of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

In specific embodiments, the antibody or fragment thereof utilized in the two methods described immediately above comprises a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the antibody or fragment thereof utilized in the two methods described immediately above comprises a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128.

In specific embodiments, the antibody or fragment thereof utilized in the two methods described immediately above comprises a VH CDR3 having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 2129 to 3227.

In specific embodiments, the antibody or fragment thereof utilized in the two methods described immediately above is conjugated to a diagnostic agent.

In specific embodiments, the antibody or fragment thereof utilized in the two methods described immediately above is conjugated to a diagnostic agent wherein the diagnostic

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agent is horseradish peroxidase, alkaline phosphatase, beta-galactosidase, or acetylcholinesterase.

In specific embodiments, the antibody or fragment thereof utilized in the two methods described immediately above is conjugated to a diagnostic agent wherein the diagnostic agent is fluorescein, fluorescein isothiocyanate, rhodamine, dichlorotriazinylamine fluorescein, dansyl chloride or phycoerythrin.

In specific embodiments, the antibody or fragment thereof utilized in the two methods described immediately above is conjugated to a diagnostic agent wherein the diagnostic agent is ^{125}I , ^{131}I , ^{111}In , ^{90}Y or $^{99\text{Tc}}$.

In specific embodiments, the antibody or fragment thereof utilized in the two methods described immediately above is conjugated to a diagnostic agent wherein the diagnostic agent is luciferase, luciferin or aequorin.

A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one antibody or fragment thereof of comprising a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one antibody or fragment thereof of comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one antibody or fragment thereof of comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator and which also comprises a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one antibody or fragment thereof of comprising an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 2129 to 3227 wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

A method of treating, preventing or ameliorating a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression or activity, comprising administering to an animal in need thereof the pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one antibody or fragment thereof of comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator and which also comprises a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier in an amount effective to treat, prevent or ameliorate the disease or disorder. This method may be used to treat an infectious disorder, cancer, and/or an autoimmune disease such as lupus or glomerular nephritis.

A method of treating, preventing or ameliorating a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression or activity, comprising administering to an animal in need thereof the pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one antibody or fragment thereof of comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid

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sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier in an amount effective to treat, prevent or ameliorate the disease or disorder. This method may be used to treat an infectious disorder, cancer, and/or an autoimmune disease such as lupus or glomerular nephritis.

A method of treating, preventing or ameliorating a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression or activity, comprising administering to an animal in need thereof the pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one antibody or fragment thereof of comprising a VL domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator and which also comprises a VH domain from an scFv having an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 2128 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier in an amount effective to treat, prevent or ameliorate the disease or disorder. This method may be used to treat an infectious disorder, cancer, and/or an autoimmune disease such as lupus or glomerular nephritis.

A method of treating, preventing or ameliorating a disease or disorder associated with aberrant B Lymphocyte Stimulator expression or activity, comprising administering to an animal in need thereof the pharmaceutical composition of comprising at least one antibody or fragment thereof of comprising an amino acid sequence of one of SEQ ID NOS: 2129 to 3227 wherein said antibody or fragment thereof immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier in an amount effective to treat, prevent or ameliorate the disease or disorder. This method may be used to treat an infectious disorder, cancer, and/or an autoimmune disease such as lupus or glomerular nephritis.

This method may be used to treat an infectious disorder, cancer, and/or an autoimmune disease such as lupus or glomerular nephritis.

EXAMPLES

Abbreviations

0.2 M Tris-HCl, 0.5 mM EDTA, 0.5 M sucrose (TES)

1-ethyl-3-[3-dimethylaminopropyl]carbo diimide hydrochloride (EDC)

2TY supplemented with 100 µg/ml ampicillin and 2% glucose (2TYAG)

2TY supplemented with 100 µg/ml ampicillin and 50 µg/ml kanamycin (2TYAK)

3,3',5,5'-Tetramethyl Benzidine (TMB)

50% inhibitory concentration (IC_{50})

6xPBS containing 18% Marvel blocking solution (6xMPBS)

Absorbance (A)

Bovine serum albumin (BSA)

Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)

Foetal calf serum (FCS)

Heavy chain variable (V_H)

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Hepes buffered saline (HBS)
 Horseradish peroxidase (HRP)
 Immobilised Metal Affinity Chromatography (IMAC)
 Isopropyl β -D-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG)
 Light chain variable (V_L)
 Multiplicity of infection (MOI)
 N-[2-hydroxyethyl]piperazine-N'-[2-ethanesulfonic acid] (Hepes)
 Nanomolar (nM)
 N-Hydroxysuccinimide (NHS)
 PBS containing 3% Marvel (MPBS)
 Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)
 Phosphate Buffered Saline+0.1% (v/v) Tween 20 (PBST)
 Picomolar (pM)
 Single chain fragment variable (scFv)
 Tumour Necrosis Factor-alpha (TNF- α)
 Tumour Necrosis Factor-beta (TNF- β)
 TNF-related apoptosis inducing ligand (TRAIL)

Definitions:

In the following section "immobilized B Lymphocyte Stimulator" refers to a soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator coated on a plastic assay plate (e.g., a 96 well plate), but does not refer to histidine tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator coated on a plastic assay plate; "biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator" is a soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator except when used to coat an ELISA plate, in which case it would be "immobilized B Lymphocyte Stimulator." Membrane bound forms of B Lymphocyte Stimulator include, but are not limited to, U937 and P388 plasma membranes.

Example 1

Antibodies Immunospecifically Binding to Soluble and Membrane-Bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator

A library of phage was screened in an assay to identify those phage displaying scFvs that immunospecifically bind to the soluble and membrane-bound forms of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Phage displaying scFvs that bound to immobilized B Lymphocyte Stimulator were identified after panning on immobilized B Lymphocyte Stimulator and assessment by ELISA for binding to immobilized B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The B Lymphocyte Stimulator that was immobilized on plates for these assays was purified from supernatants of S19 cells infected with a baculovirus expression construct as described in Moore et al., Science 285:260-263 which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. Each of the identified scFvs were then sequenced. Certain sequences were isolated multiple times, thus a panel (panel 1) containing one member of each unique sequences was generated and further characterized for their ability to immunospecifically bind to the soluble and membrane-bound forms of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

The derived amino acid sequences of these scFvs are shown in Table 1 above. The individual V_H and V_L segments of the scFvs were aligned to the known human germline sequences in V-BASE (Tomlinson et al, which can accessed

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on the United Kingdom Medical Research Council (MRC) Centre for Protein Engineering website) and the closest germline identified.

Example 2

Specificity of scFvs for B Lymphocyte Stimulator and Membrane-Bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator

The specificity of each of the scFvs for both B Lymphocyte Stimulator and membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator was determined by phage ELISA. B Lymphocyte Stimulator was immobilised onto plastic as a purified soluble form of the protein or as a membrane-bound form present on plasma membrane preparations from the human macrophage-like cell line, U937.

Maintenance of U937 Cells

U937 cells are a human monocyte-like, histiocytic lymphoma cell line known to express B Lymphocyte Stimulator on their plasma membranes. They were maintained in RPMI-1640 supplemented with 4 mM L-glutamine, 10% FCS, 10 U penicillin, 100 g/ml streptomycin (all reagents from Sigma). The cells were thawed from frozen stock and are either used for plasma membrane preparation, or split 1:5, after 2 days in culture when the cell density reaches 1×10^6 /ml.

Preparation of U937 Plasma Membranes

To prepare plasma membranes, 1×10^7 U937 cells were harvested from their culture medium by centrifugation at 1000 rpm at 4° C. for 5 minutes in a benchtop centrifuge. The cells were resuspended in 40 ml 12 mM Tris, pH 7.5, 250 mM sucrose and placed on ice. The cells are then lysed using a hand-held electric homogenizer (Labortechnik IKA Ultra-Turrax) for four, one minute, bursts. To check that cell lysis had occurred, 10 μ l cell lysate was added to 10 μ l Trypan blue and the cell lysate was examined under a microscope. After confirming lysis, the homogenate was centrifuged at 270xg, for 10 minutes at 4° C. to pellet the nuclear fraction and the supernatant was retained. The supernatant was centrifuged at 8000xg, 10 mins, 4° C., to pellet the mitochondrial and lysosomal fractions and the supernatant was retained. The supernatant was then centrifuged at 100000xg, 60 mins, 4° C. to pellet the plasma membrane enriched fraction. The supernatant was discarded and the plasma membrane pellet was resuspended in 1 ml PBS and stored at -70° C. The protein concentration of the plasma membrane fraction was determined using a protein quantification kit (Biorad). Typical yields were between 5 and 10 mg of plasma membranes.

Phage ELISA

To determine the specificity of each of the unique scFvs, a phage ELISA was performed for each scFv against human B Lymphocyte Stimulator, U937 plasma membranes, TNF α (R&D Systems, Minneapolis, Minn.), BSA and uncoated well. Individual *E. coli* colonies containing a phagemid representing one of the unique scFvs from panel 1 were inoculated into 96-well plates containing 100 μ l 2TYAG medium per well. Plates were incubated at 37° C. for 4 hours, shaking. M13K07 helper phage was added to each well to a MOI of 10 and the plates were incubated for a further 1 hour at 37° C. The plates were centrifuged in a benchtop centrifuge at 2000 rpm for 10 minutes. The supernatant was removed and cell pellets were resuspended in 100 μ l 2TYAG and incubated at 30° C. overnight, shaking. The next day, plates were centrifuged at 2000 rpm for 10 min and

the 100 μ l phage-containing supernatant from each well carefully transferred into a fresh 96-well plate. Twenty μ l of 6xMPBS was added to each well, and incubated at room temperature for 1 hour to pre-block the phage prior to ELISA.

Flexible 96-well plates (Falcon) were coated overnight at 4° C. with human B Lymphocyte Stimulator (1 μ g/ml) in PBS, U937 plasma membranes (10 μ g/ml) in PBS, TNF α (1 μ g/ml) in PBS, BSA (1 μ g/ml) in PBS, or PBS. After coating, the solutions were removed from the wells, and the plates were blocked for 1 hour at room temperature in MPBS. The plates were washed 3 times with PBS and then 50 μ l of pre-blocked phage was added to each well. The plates were incubated at room temperature for 1 hour and then washed with 3 changes of PBST followed by 3 changes of PBS. To each well, 50 μ l of an anti-gene VIII-HRP conjugate (Pharmacia) at a 1 to 5000 dilution in MPBS was added and the plates incubated at room temperature for 1 hour. Each plate was washed three times with PBST followed by three times with PBS. Then 50 μ l of an HRP-labelled anti-mouse polymer (DAKO EnVision) diluted 1/50 in 3% MPBS was added and incubated for 1 hour at room temperature. Each plate was then washed three times with PBST followed by three times with PBS. Fifty μ l of TMB substrate was then added to each well, and incubated at room temperature for 30 minutes or until colour development. The reaction was stopped by the addition of 25 μ l of 0.5 M H₂SO₄. The signal generated was measured by reading the absorbance at 450 nm (A₄₅₀) using a microtiter plate reader (Bio-Rad 5550).

The results for 3 clones (1006E07, 1008D05 and 1016F04) are shown in FIG. 1. All 3 scFvs recognize immobilized B Lymphocyte Stimulator and U937 plasma membranes but do not recognize TNF α , BSA or an uncoated well (PBS only). These results indicate that these scFvs specifically recognize immobilized B Lymphocyte Stimulator and membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

Example 3

Inhibition in an In Vitro Receptor Binding Assay by Phage ScFvs

All of the unique phage scFvs in panel 1 were assessed for their ability to inhibit soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator binding to its cognate receptor on IM9 cells.

Biotinylation of B Lymphocyte Stimulator

One hundred μ g of either human or mouse B Lymphocyte Stimulator was dialysed overnight at 4° C. against 50 mM sodium bicarbonate (sodium hydrogen carbonate) pH8.5 using a slide-a-lyzer cassette (Pierce). The next day, NHS-biotin (Pierce) was dissolved in DMSO to 13.3 mg/ml. This was then added to the B Lymphocyte Stimulator at a molar ratio of 20:1 biotin:B Lymphocyte Stimulator, mixed and incubated on ice for 2 hours. The biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator was then dialysed back into sterile PBS (Sigma) using a slide-a-lyzer cassette overnight at 4° C. The biological activity of the biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator was confirmed using the receptor binding inhibition assay (see below).

Maintenance of IM9 Cells

IM9 cells are a human B lymphocyte cell line. They were maintained in RPMI-1640 supplemented with 4 mM L-glutamine, 10% FCS, 10 U penicillin, 100 g/ml streptomycin (all reagents from Sigma). The cells are thawed from frozen stock and can be used in assays after 5 days in culture when they reach a density of 4-8x10⁵/ml.

Receptor Binding Inhibition Assay

Individual *E. coli* colonies containing a phagemid representing one of the unique scFvs from panel 1 were inoculated into 96-well plates containing 100 μ l 2TYAG medium per well. Plates were incubated at 37° C. for 4 hours, shaking. M13KO7 helper phage was added to each well to a MOI of 10 and the plates were incubated for a further 1 hour at 37° C. The plates were centrifuged in a benchtop centrifuge at 2000 rpm for 10 minutes. The supernatant was removed and cell pellets were resuspended in 100 μ l 2TYAG and incubated at 30° C. overnight, shaking. The next day, plates were centrifuged at 2000 rpm for 10 min and the 100 μ l phage-containing supernatant from each well carefully transferred into a fresh 96-well plate. Phage were diluted 1 in 2 in MPBS prior to use.

Flat-bottomed 96-well plates (Costar) were coated with 100 μ l per well of a 1:10 dilution of poly-L-lysine (Sigma) in PBS for 1 hour at room temperature. The plates were then washed twice with water, allowed to air-dry and placed at 4° C. overnight. One hundred μ l of IM9 cells (at 10⁶/ml in RPMI-1640 culture medium) were then added to each well. Plates were then centrifuged at 3200 rpm for 5 mins to pellet the cells. The media was carefully aspirated and 200 μ l of MPBS added to each well. The plates were then allowed to block for 1 hour at room temperature.

To a separate 96-well plate 10 μ l of biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator (at 162.5 ng/ml) in MPBS was added to each well to give a final concentration of 25 ng/ml. Fifty-five μ l of each appropriate phage supernatant was added to each well and the final volume in each well was 65 μ l. Plates were then incubated at room temperature for 30 minutes.

The IM9 coated plates were washed twice in PBS, tapped dry and immediately 50 μ l of the phage/biotinylated-B Lymphocyte Stimulator mix was added and incubated at room temperature for 1 hour. Plates were washed three times in PBST and three times in PBS, tapped dry and 50 μ l of streptavidin-Delfia (Wallac) was added to each well at 1:1000 dilution in the Manufacturer's assay buffer. The plates were then incubated at room temperature for 1 hour and washed six times in Delfia wash solution (Wallac). After tapping the plates dry, 100 μ l per well of Delfia enhancement solution (Wallac) was added. The plates were gently tapped to encourage micelle formation, incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes, and fluorescence read on a Wallac 1420 workstation at 6520 nm.

Results for 3 phage scFvs (1001C09, 1018D07 and 1016H07) that inhibited the binding of biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator are shown in FIG. 2. Maximal binding of biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator to its receptor (bio-B Lymphocyte Stimulator only), the background signal in the absence of biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator (no bio-B Lymphocyte Stimulator), and results with an irrelevant (i.e., does not recognize B Lymphocyte Stimulator) phage antibody are also shown. All 3 phage scFvs inhibited biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator binding to its receptor on IM9 cells, identifying these scFvs as scFvs that bind the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. These scFvs also bind to U937 membranes, thus they also bind the membrane bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

Forty-eight of the scFvs from panel 1 that demonstrated the greatest inhibition as phage particles in this assay were chosen for further study. These 48 scFvs are listed in Table 3.

TABLE 3

scFvs that Inhibit the Binding of Biotinylated-BLVs to its Receptor				
Antibody	Antibody	Antibody	Antibody	Antibody
1008C02	1029D07	1008C03	1008C12	1028A06
1022E02	1061E07	1007H08	1061H01	1031C03
1018C02	1006D07	1008A11	1006D08	1031F02
1008B01	1017D10	1061D02	1026E03	1031F09
1016F04	1007B03	1008A09	1027A07	1031G11
1016E05	1018C10	1007F11	1016H07	1030A07
1018H08	1001C09	1037E07	1021B05	1030A12
1018E09	1018D07	1037E12	1031G10	1030B11
	1029F11	1016F02	1031G08	1031C04
	1022D01		1031C07	1003F12
			1012A06	

Example 4

Specificity of Anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator Antibodies

The specificity of the 48 scFvs listed in Table 3 for human and murine B Lymphocyte Stimulator was determined using phage ELISA.

Phage ELISA

To determine the specificity of the 48 scFvs, a phage ELISA was performed against human and mouse B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and a panel of related and unrelated human antigens: Fas ligand, TRAIL, TNF α , TNF β , and PBS. The Fas ligand, TRAIL, TNF α , and TNF β antigens were obtained from R&D Systems, Minneapolis, Minn. Individual *E. coli* colonies containing phagemid were inoculated into 5 ml 2YTAG and incubated at 37° C. for 4 hours, shaking. M13K07 helper phage (Pharmacia) was added to each tube to a MOI of 10 and incubated for 30 minutes at 37° C. for 1 hour, the first 30 minutes static and the final 30 minutes with gentle shaking. Cells were pelleted by centrifugation at 3,500 rpm for 10 minutes and the supernatant discarded. Cell pellets were resuspended in 5 ml 2TYAK and incubated at 30° C. overnight with shaking. The next day, the cells were pelleted by centrifugation at 3,500 rpm for 10 minutes. The phage-containing supernatant (5 ml) was carefully transferred to a fresh tube, 1 ml of 6MPBS was added, and the tube was incubated at room temperature for 1 hour to pre-block the phage prior to ELISA.

All antigens were coated at 1 μ g/ml. ELISAs were performed essentially as described in Example 2. The only exception to this being the detection of phage antibody binding to mouse B Lymphocyte Stimulator where the step involving incubation with the HRP-labelled anti-mouse polymer was omitted. Binding to mouse B Lymphocyte Stimulator was detected with TMB as in Section Example 2.

All 48 scFvs are specific for immobilized human B Lymphocyte Stimulator and 43 out of the 48 scFvs cross-react with immobilized mouse B Lymphocyte Stimulator but not with any other unrelated or related antigen tested. 1008C03, 1007F11, 1037E07, 1037E12, and 1016H07 did not bind murine B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Results for two scFvs, 1022D01 and 1031F02, are shown in FIG. 3. Both these scFvs specifically recognize human and mouse B Lymphocyte Stimulator but not any other unrelated or related antigen tested.

Example 5

Specificity for the Membrane-Bound Form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator

The specificity of 48 scFvs for membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator was determined by the phage ELISA described in Example 2. B Lymphocyte Stimulator was immobilized onto plastic as a membrane-bound form present on plasma membrane preparations from the human macrophage-like cell line, U937. This cell line is known to express the membrane-bound form of human B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

To demonstrate that this binding is specific for membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator, a competition ELISA was developed to determine if the ELISA signal for an individual antibody on U937's could be competed out by pre-incubation with either B Lymphocyte Stimulator or TNF α . An anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody that also recognizes membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator would be expected to demonstrate a signal reduction with free B Lymphocyte Stimulator but not free TNF α .

Competition ELISA

Individual *E. coli* colonies containing phagemid for each of the 48 scFvs listed in Table 3 were inoculated into 5 ml 2YTAG and incubated at 37° C. for 4 hours, shaking. M13K07 helper phage (Pharmacia) was added to each tube to a MOI of 10 and incubated for 30 minutes at 37° C. for 1 hour, the first 30 minutes static and the final 30 minutes with gentle shaking. Cells were pelleted by centrifugation at 3,500 rpm for 10 minutes and the supernatant discarded. Cell pellets were resuspended in 5 ml 2TYAK and incubated at 30° C. overnight with shaking. The next day, the cells were pelleted by centrifugation at 3,500 rpm for 10 minutes. The phage-containing supernatants (5 ml) were carefully transferred to a fresh tube.

For each of the 48 scFvs listed in Table 3, two aliquots of 20 μ l 6xMPBS were pipetted into separate wells of a 96-well plate (Greiner). The first aliquot was supplemented with B Lymphocyte Stimulator to a final concentration of 0.5 μ g/ml. The second aliquot was supplemented with TNF α to a final concentration of 0.5 μ g/ml. Each experiment was performed in triplicate. One hundred μ l of each phage supernatant was then added to each aliquot and mixed by pipetting up and down. The phage were incubated (competing antigen) at room temperature for 1 hour.

Flexible 96-well plates (Falcon) were coated overnight at 4° C. with 50 μ l of 10 μ g/ml U937 plasma membranes. After coating, the plates were washed 3 times with PBS and blocked for 1 hour at room temperature with 200 μ l MPBS. The plates were washed 3 times with PBS and 50 μ l of phage (competing antigen) was added to each appropriate well. The plates were incubated at room temperature for 1 hour and then washed with 3 changes of PBST followed by 3 changes of PBS. To each well, 50 μ l of a mouse anti-gene VIII-HRP conjugate (Pharmacia) at a 1:5000 dilution in MPBS was added and the plates incubated at room temperature for 1 hour. Each plate was washed three times with PBST followed by three times with PBS. Then 50 μ l of an HRP-labelled anti-mouse polymer (DAKO EnVision) diluted 1:50 in 3% MPBS was added and incubated for 1 hour at room temperature. Each plate was then washed three times with PBST followed by three times with PBS. Fifty μ l of TMB substrate was then added to each well, and incubated at room temperature for 30 to 60 minutes or until color development. The reaction was stopped by the addition of 25

μl of 0.5 M H_2SO_4 . The signal generated was measured by reading the absorbance at 450 nm (A_{450}) using a microtiter plate reader (Bio-Rad 3550).

All 48 scFvs bind to U937 plasma membrane preparations. This signal could be competed out by pre-incubation of the phage antibody with B Lymphocyte Stimulator but not by pre-incubation with TNF- α . This indicates that the 48 scFvs specifically recognize membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator as well as soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Typical results are exemplified by scFvs 1031F09, 1050A12 and 1051C04 and are shown in FIG. 4. All 3 scFvs demonstrate binding to U937 plasma membranes. This binding was specifically competed out with B Lymphocyte Stimulator but did not compete with TNF- α , demonstrating specific recognition of membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

Example 6

scFv Off-Rate Determinations

All off-rate determinations were performed on BIAcore 2000 machines, using the BIAcore 2000 Control Software and evaluated using the BIAevaluation 3.0 software.

Preparation of a Low Density B Lymphocyte Stimulator Surface

A 500 RU surface was prepared for kinetic studies with purified scFvs. A low density B Lymphocyte Stimulator surface (500 RU B Lymphocyte Stimulator coupled) was prepared in flow cell 2 by amine coupling to a CM5 chip. A new CM5 chip was inserted into the BIAcore and a sensorgram initiated with HBS buffer at a flow rate of 5 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$. The NHS and EDC coupling solutions (BIAcore) were mixed according to manufacturer's instructions and 30 μl injected over the CM5 surface. Fifty μl of B Lymphocyte Stimulator at 1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ in 10 mM sodium acetate buffer, pH4, was then injected followed by 30 μl of ethanolamine-HCl solution (BIAcore). The flow rate was then adjusted to 20 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$ and 10 μl of 4M guanidine hydrochloride in HBS injected over the surface. This strips the surface of non-covalently bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

Measurement of scFv Off-Rate Kinetics on the Low Density Surfaces

The chip containing the low density B Lymphocyte Stimulator surface was inserted in to the BIAcore. A dilution series of purified scFvs was prepared in HBS, typically 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ doubling dilutions down to 1.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$. The dilution series was then injected sequentially over the low density B Lymphocyte Stimulator surface (and blank control) using the following program:

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MAIN
FLOWCELL 1,2,3,4
APROG      genab      r1d1      ab1
APROG      genab      r1d2      ab2
APROG      genab      r1d3      ab3
APROG      genab      r1d4      ab4
APROG      genab      r1d5      ab5
APROG      genab      r1d6      ab6
APPEND CONTINUE
END
DEFINE APROG genab
PARAM %Apos %Ahd
FLOW      20
KINJECT   %Apos 200 80
  
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-continued

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INJECT      r1c6 101guanidine hydrochloride regenera-
              tion step
EXTRACTCLEAN
END
  
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Bound scFvs were removed by injecting 10 μl 4M GuHCl in HBS over the surface between scFv samples.

The binding curves for individual scFvs were analyzed using the BIAevaluation software to determine individual off-rates. Kinetic analysis for a typical scFv antibody, 1003C02, is shown in FIG. 5. 1003C02 has a K_{off} of $6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

Example 7

Inhibition in an In Vitro Receptor Binding Assay by scFv Antibodies

The 48 scFvs listed in Table 3 were purified and assessed for their ability to inhibit B Lymphocyte Stimulator binding to its receptor on IM9 cells.

Purification of scFv

To determine the inhibitory potency of anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator scFv, scFv's were first prepared by IMAC. 2TYAG (5 ml) was inoculated with a single colony and grown overnight at 30° C., shaking. This overnight culture was then used to inoculate 500 ml of 2TY containing 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ ampicillin and 0.1% Glucose, and grown at 30° C., shaking, until an A_{600} of 1.0 was attained. IPTG was added to 1 mM and the culture was grown for a further 3.5 hours at 30° C.

Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 5,000 rpm, and resuspended in 10 ml of TES. A further 15 ml of a 1:5 dilution (in water) of TES was added, and the cell suspension incubated on a turning wheel at 4° C. for 30 minutes. This causes osmotic shock and yields a periplasmic extract containing the scFv. Residual cells and debris were pelleted by centrifugation at 9,000 rpm for 20 minutes at 4° C. The supernatant was transferred to a new tube, and 50 μl of 1 M MgCl_2 added. Two ml of a Ni-NTA agarose (Qiagen), pre-washed with buffer (50 mM sodium phosphate, pH 8, 300 mM NaCl) together with a protease inhibitor tablet (Boehringer Mannheim) were then added to the periplasmic extract. The preparation was incubated, rotating, overnight at 4° C. The Ni-NTA was pelleted by centrifugation at 2,000 rpm for 5 minutes, and the supernatant was aspirated. The agarose beads were washed 3 times with 50 ml wash buffer, centrifuging to collect the agarose in between each wash. Ten ml of wash buffer was added after the final wash, and the slurry was loaded on to a polyprop column (BioRad). Two ml elution buffer (50 mM NaPi (sodium phosphate), pH 8, 300 mM NaCl, 250 mM imidazole) was added to the drained agarose, and the eluate was collected. IMAC purified scFv was buffer exchanged in to PBS by use of a Nap 5 column (Pharmacia) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The A_{280} was read and the protein concentration determined using a molar extinction coefficient of 1 mg/ml protein $\times A_{280}$ 1.4. Purified scFv was stored in 500 μl aliquots at -70° C.

Receptor Binding Inhibition Assay

Flat-bottomed 96-well plates (Costar) were coated with 100 μl per well of a 1:10 dilution of poly-L-lysine (Sigma) in PBS for 1 hour at room temperature. The plates were then washed twice with water, allowed to air-dry and placed at 4°

C. overnight. One hundred μ l of IM9 cells (at 10^6 /ml in RPMI-1640) were then added to each well. Plates were then centrifuged at 3200 rpm for 5 mins to pellet the cells. The media was carefully aspirated and 200 μ l of MPBS added to each well. The plates were then left to block for 1 hour at room temperature.

To a separate 96-well plate, titrate test scFvs in MPBS, in triplicate, over a concentration range from 10 μ g/ml down to 0.001 μ g/ml were added. The final volume of test scFv in each well was 55 μ l. Competition with unlabelled B Lymphocyte Stimulator was also included in every assay as a control. Unlabelled B Lymphocyte Stimulator, in MPBS, was typically titrated in triplicate, over a concentration range from 1 μ g/ml down to 0.001 μ g/ml. 10 μ l of biotinylated-B Lymphocyte Stimulator (at 162.5 ng/ml) in MPBS was added to each well to give a final concentration of 25 ng/ml. Plates were then incubated at room temperature for 30 minutes.

The IM9 coated plates was washed twice in PBS, tapped dry and immediately 50 μ l of the scFv/biotinylated-B Lymphocyte Stimulator mix was added and incubated at room temperature for 1 hour. Plates were washed three times in PBST and three times in PBS, tapped dry and 50 μ l per well added of streptavidin-Delfia (Wallac) at 1:1000 dilution in the Manufacturer's assay buffer. The plates were then incubated at room temperature for 1 hour and washed six times in Delfia wash solution (Wallac). After tapping the plates dry, 100 μ l per well of Delfia enhancement solution (Wallac) was added. The plates were gently tapped to encourage micelle formation, incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes, and fluorescence read on a Wallac 1420 workstation at 6520 nM.

Typical titration curves for two scFv antibodies, I007F11 and I050A07, are shown in FIG. 6. Unlabelled B Lymphocyte Stimulator competed for binding to its receptor with an IC_{50} value of 0.8 nM. The IC_{50} values for I007F11 and I050A07 are 7.9 nM and 17.1 nM, respectively. The assay was performed in triplicate and standard error bars are shown. The 9 scFvs that demonstrated the greatest inhibition as scFvs are listed in Table 4. This data also confirms that these 9 scFvs recognize the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

TABLE 4

ScFvs that demonstrated greatest potency in BlyS Receptor Binding Inhibition Assay	
ScFv Antibody	
I017D10	
I022D01	
I008A11	
I006D08	
I031F02	
I050A12	
I050B11	
I051C04	
I003F12S	

Example 8

Antibodies Recognizing a Soluble Form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator

A library of phage was screened in an assay to identify those phage displaying scFvs that immunospecifically bind to the soluble but not the membrane-bound forms of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

A phage library was screened for the ability to bind to biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The phage were exposed to biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator, allowed an interval of time to bind the biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Phage binding bio-B Lymphocyte Stimulator were then isolated by capture on streptavidin coated magnetic beads.

The phage identified in the screen above (capture of Bio-B Lymphocyte Stimulator from solution) were then screened by ELISA for their ability to bind immobilized B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The scFv expressed by phage that bound immobilized B Lymphocyte Stimulator were then cloned and sequenced. Again, several sequences were identified multiple times, thus a panel (panel 2) consisting of an example of each phage expressing a unique scFv was then characterized further.

The derived amino acid sequences of these scFvs are shown in Table 1 above. The individual V_H and V_L segments of the scFvs were aligned to the known human germline sequences in V-BASE (Tomlinson et al, which can accessed on the United Kingdom Medical Research Council (MRC) Centre for Protein Engineering website) and the closest germline identified.

Example 9

Specificity For Soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator

The scFvs were isolated from a library of phage based on their ability to bind a soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Briefly, phage were preincubated with biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator in solution. Phage that bound to this biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator were then isolated using streptavidin coated magnetic beads.

The specificity of each of the unique scFvs for B Lymphocyte Stimulator and for the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, was determined by phage ELISA. B Lymphocyte Stimulator was immobilised onto plastic as a purified soluble form of the protein or as a membrane-bound form present on plasma membrane preparations from the human macrophage-like cell line, U937. Maintenance of U937 cells and plasma membrane preparations were performed as detailed in Example 2.

Phage ELISA

To determine the specificity of each of the scFvs, a phage ELISA was performed for each antibody against human B Lymphocyte Stimulator, U937 plasma membranes, TNF α , BSA and an uncoated well. Antigen coating conditions were as described in Example 2, apart from human B Lymphocyte Stimulator. B Lymphocyte Stimulator was first biotinylated (as described in Example 3) and coated at 1 μ g/ml onto streptavidin coated plates (Reacti-Bind, Pierce) for 30 mins at room temperature. The plates were then washed, blocked and the phage ELISA performed as detailed in Example 2.

The results for 3 clones (I074B12, I075F12 and I075A02) that bind the soluble but not the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator are shown in FIG. 7. As a control, a phage antibody that recognizes TNF α , is also shown in FIG. 7. There is a small non-specific background signal on the U937 plasma membranes that is evident with both the anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator scFvs as well as the anti-TNF α control. All 3 anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator scFvs recognize B Lymphocyte Stimulator but not U937 plasma membranes, TNF α , BSA or an uncoated well (PBS only). This indicates that the scFvs do not bind the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Further, The fact

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that these scFvs were isolated on the basis of their ability to bind soluble biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator indicates that they bind the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Further confirmation of these scFvs' specificity for B Lymphocyte Stimulator is provided in Example 10.

Example 10

Inhibition in an In Vitro Receptor Binding Assay by Phage scFvs

All of the unique phage scFvs from panel 2 were assessed for their ability to inhibit B Lymphocyte Stimulator binding to its cognate receptor on IM9 cells. The biotinylation of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, maintenance of IM9 cells and receptor binding inhibition assay were performed as described in Example 3.

Results for two phage scFvs, I0025B09 and I026C04 are shown in FIG. 8. Maximal binding of biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator to its receptor (bio-B Lymphocyte Stimulator only), the background signal in the absence of biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator (no bio-B Lymphocyte Stimulator), and results with an irrelevant (i.e. does not recognize B Lymphocyte Stimulator) phage antibody are also shown. Both phage scFvs inhibited biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator binding to its receptor on IM9 cells. 33 of the unique scFvs from panel 2 were identified for further study. These 33 scFvs demonstrated the greatest inhibition as phage particles in this assay and are listed in Table 5.

TABLE 5

Identification of 33 phage scFvs to free BlyS that demonstrates the most significant inhibition of biotinylated-BlyS binding to its receptor

Antibody	Antibody	Antibody	Antibody
I026C04	I074B12	I073F04	I06SD04
I003C06	I075A02	I078D08	I068C08
I025B09	I068B08	I078D02	I068F03
I027B12	I068B04	I075G01	I069B07
I025B06	I068C06	I071B03	
I030A10	I075F12	I072B09	
I002A01R	I065D08	I078H08	
I002A01K	I065F08	I064C04	
I026C04R	I067B10	I064C07	
I026C04K	I067F05		

Example 11

Specificity of Anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator scFvs

The specificity of the 33 scFvs (listed in Table 5) for immobilized human and murine B Lymphocyte Stimulator was determined using phage ELISA.

Phage ELISA

To determine the specificity of the 33 scFvs, a phage ELISA was performed as described in Example 4 against human and mouse B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and a panel of related human antigens: TRAIL, LIGHT, TNF α , TNF β , and an uncoated well (PBS only).

Typical results for two scFvs, I067F05 and I078D02 are shown in FIG. 9. A control antibody that specifically recognizes TNF α is also shown. Both anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator scFvs specifically recognize immobilized human and mouse B Lymphocyte Stimulator but not any other antigen tested.

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All 33 scFvs are specific for human B Lymphocyte Stimulator. 14/33 cross-react with mouse B Lymphocyte Stimulator but not with any other unrelated or related antigen tested.

Example 12

scFv Off-Rate Determinations

Off-rate determinations, preparation of a low density B Lymphocyte Stimulator surface and kinetic measurements were as detailed in Example 6.

The binding curves for individual scFvs were analysed using the BIAevaluation software to determine antibody off-rates. Kinetic analysis for a typical scFv antibody, I002A01, is shown in FIG. 10. I002A01 has a $K_{off} = 9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

Example 13

Inhibition in an In Vitro Receptor Binding Assay by scFv Antibodies

The 33 scFvs identified in Table 5 were prepared as purified scFvs and assessed for their ability to inhibit B Lymphocyte Stimulator binding to its receptor on IM9 cells. The scFvs were purified and analysed in the receptor binding inhibition assay as described in Example 6.1.8.

Typical titration curves for two scFvs, I0068C06 and I074B12, are shown in FIG. 11. Unlabelled B Lymphocyte Stimulator competed for binding to its receptor with an inhibitory constant 50 (IC_{50}) value of 0.66 nM. The IC_{50} values for I0068C06 and I074B12 are 61 nM and 13 nM, respectively. The assay was performed in triplicate and standard error bars are shown. The 7 scFvs that demonstrated the greatest inhibition as scFv are listed in Table 6.

TABLE 6

Identification of 7 scFvs to free BlyS that demonstrate the most significant inhibition of biotinylated-BlyS binding to its receptor as purified scFvs.

Antibody
I002A01-R
I002A01-K
I026C04-R
I026C04-K
I068C06
I075F12
I067B10

Example 14

ScFvs Recognizing Membrane-Bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator

A library of phage was screened in an assay to identify those phage displaying scFvs that immunospecifically bind to the membrane-bound but not the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

As a starting point, a library of phage expressing scFv antibodies were panned on immobilized HIS-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Phage isolated by panning were then screened for the ability to bind to HIS-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator. HIS-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator was obtained by expressing amino acids 71-285 of SEQ ID

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NO:3228 using the pQE9 vector (Qiagen Inc., Valencia, Calif.) in *E. coli* and purifying the expressed protein. This phage clones identified by this screen were then sequenced. After sequencing, a panel (panel 3) of phage each expressing a unique scFv that bound HIS-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator was generated and further characterized.

The derived amino acid sequences of the unique scFvs from panel 3 are shown in Table 1 above. The individual V_H and V_L segments of the scFvs were aligned to the known human germline sequences in V-BASE (Tomlinson et al., 1993, which can be accessed on the United Kingdom Medical Research Council (MRC) Centre for Protein Engineering website) and the closest germline identified.

Example 15

Recognition of Membrane-Bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator

The specificity of each of the unique scFvs for both the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator as well as for the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, was determined by phage ELISA.

B Lymphocyte Stimulator was immobilised onto plastic either directly as a purified soluble form of the protein or biotinylated and coated on a streptavidin plate as in Example 9. Binding to HIS-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator was used as a primary screen for scFv's that would bind the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator (see below). The membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator was presented as plasma membranes preparations from the human macrophage-like cell line, U937 or the murine cell line P388.

Mouse monoclonal antibodies have been raised against His-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator according to standard procedures. Characterization of these mouse monoclonal antibodies revealed that they specifically recognized both His-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator and the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator on U937 cells, but not soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Therefore, specific recognition of His-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator was used as supporting evidence for the recognition of the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator by phage and scFv antibodies.

Phage ELISA

To determine the specificity of each of the scFvs, a phage ELISA was performed for each antibody against His-tagged human B Lymphocyte Stimulator, U937 plasma membranes, TNF α , BSA and an uncoated well. Antigen coating conditions were as described in 2, apart from human B Lymphocyte Stimulator. B Lymphocyte Stimulator was first biotinylated (as described in Example 3) and coated at 1 μ g/ml onto streptavidin coated plates (Reacti-Bind, Pierce) for 30 mins at room temperature. The plates were then washed, blocked and the phage ELISA performed as detailed in Example 2.

The results for 3 clones, J079C01, J081C10 and J082A02, and a control phage antibody that recognizes TNF α , are shown in FIG. 12. All 3 scFvs recognize U937 plasma membranes (U937) and His-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator (HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator) but not, biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator (bio-B Lymphocyte Stimulator) or an uncoated well (PBS). This indicates that the scFvs recognize the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

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Example 16

Specificity for Membrane-Bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator

The specificity of the scFvs for only the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, and not for the soluble form, was confirmed using a competition ELISA. This assay assesses the ability of test phage scFvs to bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator on U937 plasma membranes in the presence of different forms of competing B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Competing B Lymphocyte Stimulator was either the His-tagged form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator or soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator. ScFvs specific for the membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator would be expected to be competed out by pre-incubation with His-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator but not by pre-incubation with soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

Maintenance of U937 cells and plasma membrane preparations were performed as detailed in Example 2.

Competition ELISA

U937 plasma membranes (50 μ l per well) were coated at 10 μ g/ml in PBS onto Falcon 96-well plates overnight at 4° C.

Individual *E. coli* colonies containing a phagemid representing one of the unique scFvs from the panel 3 were inoculated into 50 ml tubes (Falcon) containing 5 ml 2TYAG medium. Tubes were incubated at 37° C. for 4 hours, shaking. M13KO7 helper phage was added to each tube to an MOI of 10 and the tubes were incubated for a further 1 hour at 37° C. The tubes were centrifuged in a benchtop centrifuge at 3500 rpm for 10 minutes. The supernatant was removed and cell pellets were resuspended in 5 ml 2TYAK and incubated at 30° C. overnight, shaking. The next day, tubes were centrifuged at 3500 rpm for 10 min and the phage-containing supernatant carefully transferred into a fresh tube.

For each test phage antibody, 3 aliquots of 20 μ l 18% marvel/6xPBS were transferred into separate wells of a 96-well plate. The first aliquot was supplemented with His-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator to a final concentration of 60 μ g/ml. The second aliquot was supplemented with soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator to a final concentration of 60 μ g/ml. The third aliquot was not supplemented with any competing antigen. One hundred μ l of phage supernatant was then added to each aliquot and left to block at room temperature for 1 hour.

The antigen-coated plates were washed once with PBS before the addition of 200 μ l/well 3% marvel/PBS. These plates were left to block at 37° C. for 1 hour and were then washed once with PBS. Duplicate samples of 50 μ l pre-blocked phage (above) were added to the antigen-coated plates and left at room temperature for 1 hour. Plates were washed 3x with PBS/0.1% Tween 20, then 3x with PBS. Fifty μ l/well mouse anti-M13 HRP (Pharmacia) at 1/500 in 3% Marvel/PBS was added and left for 1 hour at room temperature. Plates were washed 3 times with PBS/0.1% Tween 20, then 3 times with PBS. Fifty μ l/well HRP-labelled anti-mouse Envision polymer (DAKO) at 1/50 in 3% marvel/PBS was added and left for 1 hour at RT. Plates were washed 3 times with PBS/0.1% Tween 20, then 3 times with PBS. Next, 50 μ l/well of TMB (Sigma) was added and plates left to develop for 30 to 60 minutes. When sufficient color has developed, 25 μ l/well 0.5M H₂SO₄ was added to

stop the reaction. The plates were read at 450 nm on a microtiter plate reader (Bio-Rad 3550).

The results for 3 clones, 1079B04, 1079F08 and 1080B01, and a control phage antibody that recognizes TNF α , are shown in FIG. 13. All 3 scFvs recognize U937 plasma membranes (U937). This binding is competed out to background levels (i.e. comparable to the signal observed with the anti-TNF α phage antibody) in the presence of His-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator (HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator) but not biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator (bio-B Lymphocyte Stimulator). This confirms that the scFvs specifically recognize the membrane-bound form but not the soluble form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

Example 17

High Throughput BIAcore Screen to Identify High Affinity scFvs

This is a 96-well screen where the test samples (scFvs) are derived from 1 ml periplasmic extracts of individual antibody expressing clones. Potentially higher affinity scFvs are then identified principally as those giving a large number of total RU's bound to a HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator surface in BIAcore. This method of ranking does assume approximately equal yields of scFv from each clone. Since this is not always the case, some scFvs may also be identified that simply express high levels of scFv. These can be discriminated from those of higher affinity by further characterization of the scFvs (see Example 18).

Preparation of ScFv from 1 ml *E. coli* Cultures

Individual *E. coli* colonies containing a phagemid representing one of the unique scFvs from panel 3 were inoculated into 96-well plates containing 100 μ l 2TYAG medium per well. Eight wells on each plate were reserved for positive and negative control samples. The plate was grown overnight at 30° C. with shaking at 120 rpm.

Next day, 1 ml of 2TYAG+345 mM sucrose was added to each well of an autoclaved 96 deep well plate (Beckman). Twenty μ l of each overnight culture was resuspended and transferred to the appropriate well of the deep well plate. The plate was grown for approximately 3.5 hours at 30° C. with shaking at 250 rpm (or until the OD₆₀₀~0.6). Fifty μ l of 1M IPTG was added to 5 ml 2TY and 10 μ l of this was added to each well. The plate was grown overnight at 30° C. with shaking at 250 rpm.

Plates were kept at 4° C. for the remainder of the procedure. The overnight plate (above) was centrifuged at 3500 rpm for 10 minutes at 4° C. to pellet the cells. The supernatant was decanted and each pellet resuspended in 100 μ l TES (0.2M Tris HCl pH8.0, 0.5 mM EDTA, 0.5M sucrose) and transferred to a fresh 96 well plate. This plate was incubated on ice for 30 minutes and then centrifuged for 10 minutes at 3500 rpm at 4° C. to pellet the cell debris. During centrifugation, 15 μ l of freshly made protease inhibitors cocktail (Roche, 1 tablet dissolved in 1.5 ml water) was added to each well of a fresh 96 well plate. Supernatants from the centrifuged plate were then transferred to the plate containing the protease inhibitors. The plate was centrifuged at 3500 rpm for 10 minutes at 4° C. and the supernatant was transferred to a further 96-well plate. This step was repeated at least once more or until there was no sign of any cell debris following centrifugation. Finally, the plate was covered in foil to prevent evaporation of samples during the BIAcore run.

Generation of a High Density HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator Surface

All BIAcore analysis was performed on BIAcore 2000 machines, using the BIAcore 2000 control software and evaluated using the BIAevaluation 3.0 software. A high density His-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator surface (>1000 RU HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator coupled) was prepared in flow cell 2 by amine coupling to a CM5 chip. A new CM5 chip was inserted into the BIAcore and a sensorgram started over flow cell 2 with HBS buffer at a flow rate of 5 μ l/min. The NHS and EDC solution were mixed 1:1 before injecting 30 μ l over the CM5 surface. Fifty μ l HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator (at 10 μ g/ml in Sodium acetate buffer, pH4) was injected and allowed to couple to the surface. Thirty μ l of ethanolamine-HCl solution was then injected to block free NHS esters. Prior to using the chip, 10 μ l of 4M Guanidine hydrochloride in HBS was injected over the surface to strip the surface of non-covalently bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator. A blank surface (no HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator) was also prepared over flow cell 1 so that non-specific binding effects can be subtracted from the HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator binding curves.

Typically, a 5000 RU His-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator surface was generated in this way and used for 96-well analysis of scFvs isolated from the periplasm of *E. coli*.

BIAcore Analysis

The 96-well plate containing periplasmic scFvs was secured inside the BIAcore. Two ml of 4M Guanidine hydrochloride in HBS was placed in a rack inside the BIAcore for regeneration of the HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator surface between samples. The sensorgram was run over flow cells 1 and 2 at a flow rate of 20 μ l/minute. The following method was run:

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MAIN
FLOWCELL 1,2,3,4
LOOP cycle STEP
  APROG inj % pos
ENDLOOP
APPEND CONTINUE
END
DEFINE LOOP cycle
  LPARAM % pos
  r1a1
  r1b1
  r1c1
  r1d1
  r1e1
  r1f1 etc (all wells listed until r1h12)
END
DEFINE APROG inj
  PARAM % pos
  FLOW 20
  KINJECT % pos 35 30 1scfv injection
  
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QUICKINJECT r2f3 10 !regeneration
EXTRACLEAN

END

When the run had finished, the sensorgram data for flow cell 1 was subtracted from the data for flow cell 2 for each sample using the BIAevaluation software. The clones were compared with one another principally by overall RU change as the scFv dissociates from the surface. In addition a few scFvs were identified as having potentially slower off-rates. An example of the dissociation section of a typical sensorgram for 8 scFvs is shown in FIG. 14. An anti-TNF α antibody that does not recognize B Lymphocyte Stimulator was included as a control. Of the 8 scFvs exemplified, 1079F06 was identified for further study due to the relatively high numbers of RU's bound to the surface.

ScFvs were identified principally if they demonstrated a RU change of over 1200, a few were also identified as having potentially slower than typical off-rates. A total of 28 clones were chosen on these criteria and are listed in Table 7.

TABLE 7

Identification of 28 antibodies to membrane-bound BlyS that demonstrate the most significant RU changes by BIAcore

Antibody	Antibody
1079C01	1084C04
1082H08	1080E05
1079E02	1083B12
1079B05	1082G01
1079F06	1082G02
1079F06	1082C03
1079F11	1082A05
1079B12	1082D07
1080B01	1082B08
1080C09	1084A01
1099D03	1084B02
1080D03	1080A08
1080A03	1084C11
1083G03	
1080G07	

Example 18

scFv Affinity Determinations

The affinity (K_D) of the 28 scFvs was determined using the BIAcore.

Low Density HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator Surface for Kinetic Studies

500 RU surfaces were used for kinetic studies of purified scFv binding to HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator. The method to prepare these surfaces was identical to the method described in Example 17, only smaller volumes of HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator were injected.

Measurement of scFv Binding Kinetics

The chip containing the low density HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator surface was inserted into the BIAcore. A dilution series for each of the 28 purified scFvs (prepared as in Example 6) were diluted in HBS (typically starting with 50 μ g/ml scFv and double diluting down to 1.5 μ g/ml). The dilution series was then injected sequentially over the blank control (flow cell 1) and low density HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator surface (flow cell 2) using the following program:

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MAIN
FLOWCELL 1,2,3,4
APROG          genab      r1d1      ab1
APROG          genab      r1d2      ab2
APROG          genab      r1d3      ab3
APROG          genab      r1d4      ab4
APROG          genab      r1d5      ab5
APROG          genab      r1d6      ab6
APPEND CONTINUE
END
DEFINE APROG genab
PARAM %Abpos %AbId
FLOW          20
KINJECT       %Abpos 200 80
INJECT        r2f3 10
EXTRACLEAN
END

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Bound scFv were removed by injecting 10 μ l of 4M Guanidine hydrochloride in HBS (location r2f3 in the above program) over the surface between samples. Binding curves for individual scFv were analysed using the BIAevaluation software to determine antibody on- and off-rates.

A typical example of the binding curves generated for the scFv antibody 1082C03 is shown in FIG. 15. The off-rate for this clone was calculated as $2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$. The affinity of 1082C03 was calculated as 20 nM, assuming 100% activity of the scFv. The 5 scFvs with the highest affinities as scFvs are given in Table 8.

TABLE 8

Identification of 5 antibodies to membrane-bound BlyS that have the highest affinities as scFvs

Antibody	Affinity (K_D)
1079F11	5 nM
1079E02	10 nM
1082G02	6 nM
1082H08	1 nM
1099D03	4 nM

Example 19

Recognition of Mouse Membrane-Bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator

The ability of the 5 scFvs listed in Table 8 to also recognize murine membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator was determined using a competition ELISA. This assay assesses the ability of test phage scFvs to bind to the membrane-bound form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator on the murine cell line, P388, plasma membranes in the presence of different forms of competing human B Lymphocyte Stimulator. Competing B Lymphocyte Stimulator was either presented as the His-tagged form of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, or soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator. scFvs that recognize mouse membrane-bound B Lymphocyte Stimulator would give an ELISA signal on the P388 plasma membranes that is competed out by pre-incubation with His-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator but not by pre-incubation with soluble B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

Maintenance of P388.D1 Cells and Preparation of Plasma Membranes

P388.D1 cells are a mouse monocytic-macrophage like cell line. They were cultured in L-15 medium supplemented

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with 2 mM L-glutamine, 10% CS, 10 U penicillin, 100 g/ml streptomycin (all reagents from Sigma). Cells were split 1:4 every 3–4 days to maintain a cell density of $2-8 \times 10^3$ per ml. A fresh aliquot of cells was thawed from liquid nitrogen every 6 weeks. Plasma membrane fractions were prepared as described in Example 2.

Competition ELISA

P388 plasma membranes (50 μ l per well) were coated at 10 μ g/ml in PBS onto Falcon 96-well plates overnight at 4° C. The method is otherwise essentially as described Example 16.

The results for 3 clones, 1079E02, 1082H08 and 1099D03 are shown in FIG. 16. All 3 scFvs recognize P388 plasma membranes. This binding is competed out in the presence of HIS-tagged B Lymphocyte Stimulator (HIS-B Lymphocyte Stimulator) but not in the presence of biotinylated B Lymphocyte Stimulator (bio-B Lymphocyte Stimulator). This confirms that these scFvs also recognize the membrane-bound form but not the soluble form of mouse B Lymphocyte Stimulator.

Example 20

Conversion of scFvs to IgG1 Format

The VH domain and the VL domains of scFvs that we wished to convert into IgG molecules were cloned into vectors containing the nucleotide sequences of the appropriate heavy (human IgG1) or light chain (human kappa or human lambda) constant regions such that a complete heavy or light chain molecule could be expressed from these vectors when transfected into an appropriate host cell. Further, when cloned heavy and light chains are both expressed in one cell line (from either one or two vectors), they can assemble into a complete functional antibody molecule that is secreted into the cell culture medium. Methods for converting scFvs into conventional antibody molecules are well known within the art.

Generation of NS0 Cell Lines Expressing Anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator Antibodies (IgG1)

Plasmids containing the heavy and light chains were separately linearized using the Pvu I restriction enzyme. The linearized DNAs were purified by phenol-chloroform extraction followed by ethanol precipitation and then resuspended in H₂O. NS0 cells (10^6) from a growing culture were electroporated (0.25 kV and 975 μ F) in PBS with 12.5 μ g linearized heavy chain plasmid DNA and 37.5 μ g linearized light chain DNA. The cells were washed in 20 ml non-selective medium (10% FCS in DMEM supplemented with 6 mM glutamine, amino acids and penicillin/streptomycin) and then transferred in 12.5 ml medium into a T75 cm² flask and incubated overnight at 37° C., 5% CO₂/air. The day after transfection the cells were resuspended in selective medium containing 1 mg/ml geneticin and dispensed into 5x96-well plates at 200 μ l/well. After 18 days at 37° C. (5% CO₂/air) the colony supernatants were screened by an ELISA that detects assembled human IgG in order to identify colonies expressing IgG. Approximately twenty positive colonies were expanded and adapted to growth in serum-free, selective medium. Duplicate T25 cm² flasks were set up. Cells from one flask were frozen down as a stock and cells in the second flask were grown to saturation. The productivity of

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the saturated cultures was assessed by ELISA. The highest producing cell lines were then selected for large-scale antibody production.

The above procedure is exemplified for the 1006D08 anti-B Lymphocyte Stimulator antibody constructs. Following electroporation and selection of NS0 cells, supernatants from ninety-three wells each containing a single colony were screened by ELISA to detect assembled IgG1, antibody. Twenty-seven of the supernatants were identified as containing IgG. The colonies from 24 of the positive wells were transferred to 1 ml selective medium in a 24-well plate and allowed to grow for 2 days. The 1 ml cultures of cells were then added to 4 ml selective medium containing reduced serum (0.5% FCS) in a T25 cm² flask. When the cultures reached confluency 1 ml cells were diluted in 4 ml selective, serum-free medium in a T25 cm² flask. At confluency this subculture regime was repeated again. Finally 1 ml cells from the culture containing 0.1% FCS was diluted with 9 ml serum-free, selective medium and divided into 2xT25 cm² to form the saturated and stock cultures. The stock cultures were frozen down and stored in liquid nitrogen once the cultures were confluent. The saturation culture was grown until the viability of the culture was <10%. Twenty-three out of the 24 colonies originally expanded were successfully adapted to growth in serum-free medium. The productivity of these serum-free adapted cell lines ranged from 0.3 to 17 μ g/ml by ELISA quantification of the saturated, 5 ml serum-free cultures. The 1006D08-32 cell line produced 17 μ g/ml.

Large-Scale IgG Production

The highest-producing cell lines were revived from frozen stocks and then expanded to 400 ml in selective, serum-free medium in 2 liter roller bottles. The cells were grown at 37° C. and rolled at 4 rpm with the headspace being re-equilibrated with 5% CO₂/air every 2–3 days. Finally the culture was expanded to a 4 liter volume by the addition of serum-free medium without selection (400 ml per 2 liter roller bottle). The cultures were then grown to saturation.

This procedure is exemplified by the production of 1006D08 antibody from the 1006D08-32 cell line. The frozen stock of 1006D08-32 was revived into a T25 cm² containing 5 ml serum-free medium containing 1 mg/ml geneticin and grown at 37° C. in 5% CO₂/air incubator. After two days growth the culture was diluted with 7.5 ml fresh medium and transferred to a T75 cm² flask. After a further three days in the incubator the cells were transferred to 130 ml selective medium and transferred to a 2 liter roller bottle. After three days growth the cells were diluted with 500 ml selective medium and split into 2x2 liter roller bottles. After another 2 days 100 ml fresh selective medium was added to each roller. Finally the next day the culture was expanded to a total volume of 4 liters with non-selective medium and divided into 10x2 liter roller bottles. After three days the medium was supplemented with 6 mM glutamine. The cells were grown for 17 days from the final subculture into a 4 liter volume. The cells grew up to 3×10^6 cells/ml before viability declined to $<0.2 \times 10^6$ cells/ml. At this low viability the culture supernatants were harvested. ELISA analysis indicated that the culture supernatant contained 33 μ g/ml IgG. Hence, the 4 liter culture contained 132 mg IgG.

IgG Purification

The purification of the IgG from the fermentation broth is performed using a combination of conventional techniques

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commonly used for antibody production. Typically the culture harvest is clarified to remove cells and cellular debris prior to starting the purification scheme. This would normally be achieved using either centrifugation or filtration of the harvest. Following clarification, the antibody would typically be captured and significantly purified using affinity chromatography on Protein A Sepharose. The antibody is bound to Protein A Sepharose at basic pH and, following washing of the matrix, is eluted by a reduction of the pH. Further purification of the antibody is then achieved by gel filtration. As well as removing components with different molecular weights from the antibody this step can also be used to buffer exchange into the desired final formulation buffer.

Purification of 1006D08 IgG1

The harvest was clarified by sequential filtration through 0.5 μ m and 0.22 μ m filters. Clarified harvest was then applied to a column of recombinant Protein A Sepharose equilibrated at pH 8.0 and washed with the equilibration buffer. 1006D08 antibody was eluted from the Protein A Sepharose by application of a buffer at pH 3.5. The collected antibody containing eluate was then neutralized to pH 7.4 by the addition of pH 8.0 buffer. The neutralized eluate was concentrated by ultrafiltration using a 30 kDa cut off membrane. Concentrated material was then purified by Sephacryl S300HR gel filtration using phosphate buffered saline as the mobile phase. The final monomeric IgG1 fraction from the gel filtration column was then concentrated to the desired formulation concentration by ultrafiltration using a 30 kDa cut off membrane. The final product was filtered through a 0.22 μ m filter.

Example 21

Antibody Neutralization of Murine Splenocyte Proliferation as Measured by ³HdT Incorporation

To determine if an antibody inhibited B Lymphocyte Stimulator mediated B cell proliferation, a splenocyte proliferation assay was performed. Briefly, murine splenocytes were isolated by flushing spleen with complete medium using a 25 g needle and 10 ml of complete medium (RPMI 1640 with 10% FBS containing 100 U/ml penicillin, 100 μ g/ml streptomycin, 4 mM glutamine, 5×10^{-6} M β -mercaptoethanol). The cells were passed through a 100 micron nylon filter to remove cell clumps. The cell suspension was then ficoll at 400g for 25 minutes at room temperature (one 15 ml conical tube/spleen; 3 ml ficol, 10 ml cell suspension/spleen; Ficoll 1083 from Sigma). The recovered cells were washed 3 times in complete medium and counted. Recovered cells were then diluted to a concentration of 3×10^6 /ml in complete medium containing a $3 \times$ concentration of SAC ($3 \times = 1:33,333$ dilution of stock) (*Staph. aureus* Cowan strain; Calbiochem).

For each antibody, 50 microliters of antibody dilutions at 30 μ g/ml, 3.0 μ g/ml, and 0.3 μ g/ml concentrations were aliquotted into individual wells of a 96 well plate in triplicate. Suitable positive controls, such as, for example monoclonal antibody 15C10, were also used. Medium containing no antibody (and human isotype controls (purchased commercially) when necessary) were used as negative controls.

B Lymphocyte Stimulator protein was diluted in complete medium to concentrations of 300 ng/ml, 90 ng/ml and 30 ng/ml. 50 microliters of each of the B Lymphocyte Stimu-

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lator dilutions were then added to the antibody dilution series in the plates. The plate containing the antibody and B Lymphocyte Stimulator dilutions are then incubated for 30 minutes at 37°C, 5% CO₂, after which 50 microliters of the splenocyte cell suspension containing SAC was added to all wells. The plates were then incubated for 72 hours (37°C, 5% CO₂).

After 72 hours, each well was supplemented with 50 μ l of complete medium containing 0.5 μ Ci of ³H-thymidine (6.7 Ci/mM; Amersham) and cells were incubated for an additional 20–24 hours at (37°C, 5% CO₂). Following incubation cells were harvested using a Tomtec Cell Harvester and filters counted in a TopCount Scintillation counter (Packard).

Example 22

Human B cell Proliferation Assay for In Vitro Screening of B Lymphocyte Stimulator Antagonist Molecules

The bioassay for assessing the effects of putative B Lymphocyte Stimulator antagonists was performed in triplicate in 96 well format by mixing equal volumes of B Lymphocyte Stimulator, responder cells, and putative antagonist each of which is prepared as a $3 \times$ stock reagent.

B-lymphocytes were purified from human tonsil by MACS (anti-CD3 depletion), washed, and resuspended in complete medium (CM) (RPMI 1640 with 10% FBS containing 100 U/ml penicillin, 100 μ g/ml streptomycin, 4 mM glutamine, 5×10^{-6} M β -mercaptoethanol) at a concentration of 3×10^6 cells/mL. *Staphylococcus aureus*, Cowan I (SAC, CalBiochem) was added to cells at $3 \times$ concentration ($3 \times = 1:33,333$ dilution of stock).

Meanwhile, eight serial dilutions (3-fold) of potential antagonist were prepared in CM such that the diluted antagonists are at $3 \times$ the final concentrations to be tested in the assay. Antibodies are routinely tested starting at a final concentration of 10 μ g/mL and going down to about 1.5 ng/mL.

Human rB Lymphocyte Stimulator was prepared in CM to $3 \times$ concentration ($3 \times = 300$ ng/mL, 30 ng/mL, and 3 ng/mL) in CM. Potential inhibitors were routinely tested at several concentrations of B Lymphocyte Stimulator to avoid false negatives due to unexpectedly low affinity or antagonist concentration.

Fifty microliters of diluted antagonist and 50 μ l of diluted B Lymphocyte Stimulator were added to the putative antagonist dilution series.

Cells were then incubated for 72 hours (37°C, 5% CO₂) in a fully humidified chamber. After 72 hrs., the cells were supplemented with 0.5 μ Ci/well ³H-thymidine (6.7 Ci/mmol) and incubated for an additional 24 hours. Plates were harvested using a Tomtec Cell Harvester and filters counted in a TopCount Scintillation counter (Packard).

The entire disclosure of each document cited (including patents, patent applications, journal articles, abstracts, laboratory manuals, books, or other disclosures) in this application is incorporated in their entirety herein by reference. Further, the sequences disclosed herein are also disclosed in U.S. Provisional Application 60/212,210 filed Jun. 16, 2000 the contents of which are incorporated in their entirety herein by reference.

TABLE 1
gFv that Immunogenically Bind to BLvS

Clone ID	seq#	SEQ ID NO	AAs of VL	AAs of VL CDR3	AAs of VL CDR2	AAs of VH CDR3	AAs of VH CDR2	AAs of VH CDR1	VH CDR1 Sequence (SEQ ID NO)
1003H12S	1	138-248	160-171	228-237	1-122	26-35	50-66	99-111	HHVYLVLYGYYWES (SEQ ID NO: 2130)
1003H12S	2	138-248	160-171	228-237	1-122	26-35	50-66	99-111	HHVYLVLYGYYWES (SEQ ID NO: 2131)
1008A11	3	144-254	166-179	234-243	1-128	26-37	52-69	102-117	DDYLLGGYYGYGMDY (SEQ ID NO: 2132)
1017D10	4	148-255	169-179	195-201	234-244	1-132	26-35	99-121	VQDSEVYDLTGIVAGVPEYD (SEQ ID NO: 2133)
1022D01	5	142-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-126	26-35	99-115	DDYDLTGIVGYGMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2135)
1031I02	6	137-251	160-173	189-195	228-240	1-121	26-35	99-110	GYDSASRAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2136)
1050A12	7	140-250	164-174	197-206	228-235	1-124	26-35	99-113	AYDILLHHVYD (SEQ ID NO: 2138)
1050A12	8	140-250	164-174	197-206	228-235	1-124	26-35	99-113	AYDILLHHVYD (SEQ ID NO: 2139)
1050B11	9	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
1050B11-01	10	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVWVA (SEQ ID NO: 2143)
1050B11-02	11	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVWVA (SEQ ID NO: 2144)
1050B11-03	12	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2144)
1050B11-04	13	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2141)
1050B11-05	14	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVWVA (SEQ ID NO: 2140)
1050B11-06	15	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVWVA (SEQ ID NO: 2140)
1050B11-07	16	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2144)
1050B11-08	17	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2141)
1050B11-09	18	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVWVA (SEQ ID NO: 2142)
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1050B11-23	32	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2138)
1050B11-24	33	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2139)
1050B11-25	34	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2144)
1050B11-26	35	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2139)
1050B11-27	36	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2138)
1050B11-28	37	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
1050B11-29	38	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
1093D09	39	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
1093D08	40	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVWVA (SEQ ID NO: 2143)
1093D11	41	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2139)
1101A04	42	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
1101B01	43	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
1101B02	44	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2144)
1102G06	45	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2144)
1102G06	46	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	PYDILSYVQVDEH (SEQ ID NO: 2144)

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1087A07	47	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2277)
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1087A09	49	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2279)
1087B02	50	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2280)
1087B03	51	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2281)
1087B04	52	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2282)
1087B05	53	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2283)
1087B06	54	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2284)
1087B08	55	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2285)
1087B09	56	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2286)
1087C02	57	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2287)
1087C05	58	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2288)
1087C06	59	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2289)
1087C07	60	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2290)
1087C08	61	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2291)
1087D01	62	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2292)
1087D02	63	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2293)
1087D03	64	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2294)
1087D05	65	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2295)
1087D06	66	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2296)
1087D07	67	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2297)
1087D09	68	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2298)
1087E04	69	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2299)
1087E05	70	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2300)
1087F02	71	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2301)
1087F03	72	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2302)
1087F04	73	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2303)
1087F05	74	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2304)
1087F08	75	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2305)
1087F09	76	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2306)
1087G05	77	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2307)
1087G06	78	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2308)
1087G07	79	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2309)
1087G09	80	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2310)
1087G10	81	140-250	165-176	192-198	231-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2311)
1087H02	82	137-244	160-170	186-192	225-233	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	ASVLSLSLSLSS (SEQ ID NO. 2265)
1088A01	83	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2317)
1088A02	84	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2300)
1088A03	85	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2301)
1088A04	86	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2302)
1088A08	87	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2303)
1088A09	87	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2295)
1088A10	88	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2317)
1088A11	89	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2220)
1088A12	90	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2235)
1088B01	91	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2317)
1088B02	92	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2344)
1088B03	93	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PFYDILSYVLRPI (SEQ ID NO. 2290)

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1093C008	141	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEGVNSL (SEQ ID NO: 2254)	99-114
1093C102	142	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEGVNSL (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D001	143	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVKYTD (SEQ ID NO: 2226)	99-114
1093D007	144	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D009	145	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVAHLAPL (SEQ ID NO: 2235)	99-114
1093D010	146	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEHLYPL (SEQ ID NO: 2256)	99-114
1093D011	147	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D012	148	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D013	149	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVAQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2230)	99-114
1093D014	150	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEVTSV (SEQ ID NO: 2248)	99-114
1093D017	151	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D018	152	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D019	153	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D020	154	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D021	155	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D025	156	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D027	157	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D028	158	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D029	159	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D030	160	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
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1093D061	162	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D065	163	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D010	164	137-244	166-170	186-192	232-233	1-121	50-66	99-110	ASYLSSSLDN (SEQ ID NO: 2265)	99-110
1093D066	165	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D067	166	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093A11	167	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093A12	168	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093B02	169	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093B05	170	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093B06	171	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093B07	172	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093B12	173	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093C02	174	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
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1093C05	176	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D05	177	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D06	178	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D10	179	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093D12	180	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093F01	181	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093F02	182	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093F05	183	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093F06	184	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093F10	185	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093F01	186	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114
1093F03	187	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFDD (SEQ ID NO: 2137)	99-114

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			AAs of VL CDR1	AAs of VL CDR2	AAs of VL CDR3	AAs of VH CDR1				
10P8509	235	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2294)
10P8509	236	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
10P8509	237	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVADYYSV (SEQ ID NO: 2253)
10P8511	238	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
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10P8509	242	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
10P8509	243	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
10P8506	244	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVLPYTH (SEQ ID NO: 2229)
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10P8502	247	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
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10P8502	251	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVLPYTH (SEQ ID NO: 2229)
10P8506	252	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2336)
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10P8507	258	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
10P8509	259	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2257)
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10P7A09	264	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2298)
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10P7B11	269	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
10P7C05	269	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
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10P7C11	271	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
10P7C11	272	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
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10P7E01	274	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
10P7E04	275	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
10P7E08	276	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
10P7E09	277	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
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10P7E10	279	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2248)
10P7H02	280	137-244	160-170	186-192	232-233	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-114	ASYLSSSLDN (SEQ ID NO: 2265)
10P8A04	281	141-251	166-177	193-199	232-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDILISVVEQFHH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)

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scfV	SEQ ID	VL	Abs of VL	VL CDR1	VL CDR2	VL CDR3	Abs of VL	Abs of CDR1	CDR2	Abs of VH	Abs of CDR1	CDR2	Abs of VH	VH CDR3 Sequence (SEQ ID NO)
1	116C11	139-249	162-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2147)				
	116C12	139-249	162-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2148)				
	116C13	139-249	162-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2639)				
	108S402	133-239	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2561)				
	108S403	133-239	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2560)				
	108S404	133-239	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2559)				
	108S405	133-239	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2611)				
	108S406	133-239	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2610)				
	108S407	133-239	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2632)				
	108S408	133-239	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2609)				
	108S410	138-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-122	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2363)				
	108S411	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2362)				
	108S402	341-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2490)				
	108S403	341-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2588)				
	108S404	344-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2573)				
	108S405	345-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2574)				
	108S406	347-249	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-122	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2470)				
	108S407	349-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2481)				
	108S408	349-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2480)				
	108S409	350-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2480)				
	108S410	351-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2491)				
	108S405	352-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2341)				
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	108S408	354-249	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-122	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2481)				
	108S409	355-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2480)				
	108S410	356-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2680)				
	108S412	357-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2548)				
	108S401	358-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2523)				
	108S403	359-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2713)				
	108S404	360-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2686)				
	108S405	361-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDRIILFHHSITL (SEQ ID NO: 2686)				
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			AAs of VL CDR1	AAs of VL CDR2	AAs of VL CDR3				
108S1001	376	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2551)
108S1002	377	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2552)
108S1003	378	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2553)
108S1004	379	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2554)
108S1005	380	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2555)
108S1006	381	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2556)
108S1007	382	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2557)
108S1008	383	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2558)
108S1009	384	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2559)
108S1010	385	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2560)
108S1011	386	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2561)
108S1012	387	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2562)
108S1013	388	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2563)
108S1014	389	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2564)
108S1015	390	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2565)
108S1016	391	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2566)
108S1017	392	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2567)
108S1018	393	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2568)
108S1019	394	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2569)
108S1020	395	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2570)
108S1021	396	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2571)
108S1022	397	142-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-126	50-66	99-115	DDYDILTCYVGMDF (SEQ ID NO: 2135)
108S1023	398	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2572)
108S1024	399	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2573)
108S1025	400	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2574)
108S1026	401	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2575)
108S1027	402	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2576)
108S1028	403	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2577)
108S1029	404	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2578)
108S1030	405	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2579)
108S1031	406	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2580)
108S1032	407	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2581)
108S1033	408	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2582)
108S1034	409	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2583)
108S1035	410	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2584)
108S1036	411	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2585)
108S1037	412	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2586)
108S1038	413	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2587)
108S1039	414	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2588)
108S1040	415	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2589)
108S1041	416	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2590)
108S1042	417	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2591)
108S1043	418	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2592)
108S1044	419	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2593)
108S1045	420	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2594)
108S1046	421	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2595)
108S1047	422	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	50-66	99-112	SDLLIFPSRSLTF (SEQ ID NO: 2596)

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			AAs of VL CDR1	AAs of VL CDR2	AAs of VL CDR3	AAs of VH				
10B6204	423	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVAPVDF (SEQ ID NO: 2497)
10B6205	424	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2498)
10B6206	425	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPHLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2499)
10B6207	426	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPHLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2500)
10B6208	427	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2501)
10B6209	428	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPHMP (SEQ ID NO: 2502)
10B6210	429	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2503)
10B6211	430	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2504)
10B6212	431	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2505)
10B6213	432	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2506)
10B6214	433	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2507)
10B6215	434	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2508)
10B6216	435	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2509)
10B6217	436	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2510)
10B6218	437	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2511)
10B6219	438	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2512)
10B6220	439	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2513)
10B6221	440	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2514)
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10B6226	445	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2519)
10B6227	446	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2520)
10B6228	447	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2521)
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10B6230	449	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2523)
10B6231	450	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2524)
10B6232	451	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2525)
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10B6248	467	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2541)
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10B6250	469	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLLPVPSLDF (SEQ ID NO: 2543)

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471	08089812	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	SDLLFLFHYGMDY (SEQ ID NO: 2133)	99-112	50-66	26-35
472	08089813	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	SDLLFLFPPHFL (SEQ ID NO: 2532)	99-112	50-66	26-35
473	08089814	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	SDLLFLFSSALR (SEQ ID NO: 2722)	99-112	50-66	26-35
474	08089805	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	SDLLFLFSSALR (SEQ ID NO: 2722)	99-112	50-66	26-35
475	08089806	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	SDLLFLFSSALR (SEQ ID NO: 2722)	99-112	50-66	26-35
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479	08089810	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	SDLLFLFSSALR (SEQ ID NO: 2722)	99-112	50-66	26-35
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009G029	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2673)		
009G030	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2443)		
009G031	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2460)		
009G032	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2456)		
009G033	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2645)		
009G034	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2719)		
009G035	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2425)		
009G036	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2689)		
009G037	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2647)		
009G038	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2576)		
009G039	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2661)		
009G040	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2607)		
009G041	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2361)		
009G042	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2666)		
009G043	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2486)		
009G044	139-249	163-173	189-195	238-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SD1LLEPHHPTAF (SEQ ID NO: 2599)		

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Clone ID	seqF ₁ SEQ ID NO	AA's of VL	AA's of VL CDR1	seqF ₂ that Immunogenically Bind to B1S5			AA's of VH CDR2	AA's of VH CDR3	VH CDR3 Sequence (SEQ ID NO)
				AA's of VL CDR2	AA's of VH	AA's of VL CDR3			
104011	658	139-249	163-173	189-195	128-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2345)
104012	659	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2346)
104013	660	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2347)
104014	661	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2348)
104015	662	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2349)
104016	663	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2350)
104017	664	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2351)
104018	665	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2352)
104019	666	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2353)
104020	667	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2354)
104021	668	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2355)
104022	669	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2356)
104023	670	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2357)
104024	671	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2358)
104025	672	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2359)
105A01	673	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2360)
105A02	674	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2361)
105A03	675	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2362)
105A04	676	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2363)
105A05	677	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2364)
105A06	678	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2365)
105A07	679	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2366)
105B04	680	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2367)
105B05	681	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2368)
105B06	682	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2369)
105B07	683	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2370)
105B08	684	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2371)
105B09	685	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2372)
105B10	686	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2373)
105C01	687	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2374)
105C02	688	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2375)
105C03	689	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2376)
105C04	690	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2377)
105C05	691	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2378)
105D04	692	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2379)
105D05	693	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2380)
105D06	694	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2381)
105D07	695	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2382)
105D08	696	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2383)
105D09	697	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2384)
105D10	698	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2385)
105D11	699	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2386)
105D12	700	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2387)
105D13	701	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2388)
105D14	702	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2389)
105D15	703	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2390)
105D16	704	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPVPSPLSF (SEQ ID NO: 2391)

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			AAs of VL CDR1	AAs of VL CDR2	AAs of VH CDR1	AAs of VH CDR2		
00571.2	705	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2364)
00580.1	706	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2370)
00580.8	707	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2366)
00569.9	708	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2364)
00501.1	709	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2419)
00501.1	710	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2419)
00501.1	711	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2419)
00700.1	712	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2419)
00700.1	713	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2419)
00700.1	714	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2371)
00700.1	715	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2699)
00700.1	716	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2504)
00700.1	717	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2504)
00700.1	718	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2504)
00700.1	719	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2504)
00700.1	720	137-247	163-173	187-193	1-121	24-33	97-110	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2344)
00700.1	721	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2357)
00700.1	722	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2357)
00700.1	723	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2357)
00700.1	724	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2357)
00700.1	725	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2674)
00700.1	726	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2361)
00700.1	727	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2625)
00700.1	728	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2693)
00700.1	729	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2404)
00700.1	730	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2404)
00700.1	731	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2404)
00700.1	732	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2404)
00700.1	733	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2404)
00700.1	734	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2382)
00700.1	735	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2382)
00700.1	736	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2382)
00700.1	737	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2382)
00700.1	738	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2371)
00700.1	739	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2387)
00700.1	740	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2147)
00700.1	741	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2496)
00700.1	742	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2496)
00700.1	743	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2510)
00812.1	744	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2147)
00800.1	745	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2515)
00800.1	746	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2396)
00800.1	747	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2353)
00800.1	748	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2353)
00800.1	749	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2353)
00800.1	750	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2664)
00800.1	751	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2364)
00800.1	752	139-249	163-173	189-195	1-123	26-35	99-112	SDLLLPKPVATLF (SEQ ID NO: 2364)

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752	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHISDL (SEQ ID NO: 2147)	139-249
753	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPKPIPER (SEQ ID NO: 2393)	139-249
754	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2533)	139-249
755	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2360)	139-249
756	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2344)	139-249
757	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2550)	139-249
758	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2550)	139-249
759	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2516)	139-249
760	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2371)	139-249
761	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2508)	139-249
762	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2360)	139-249
763	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2381)	139-249
764	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2476)	139-249
765	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2476)	139-249
766	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2377)	139-249
767	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2377)	139-249
768	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2512)	139-249
769	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2615)	139-249
770	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2147)	139-249
771	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2364)	139-249
772	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2691)	139-249
773	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2691)	139-249
774	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 3449)	139-249
775	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2515)	139-249
776	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2147)	139-249
777	139-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2091)	139-249
778	139-250	163-173	189-195	229-239	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2344)	139-250
779	139-250	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-23	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDLLFLPHPIAPLF (SEQ ID NO: 2150)	139-250
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						AAs of VL	AAs of VH	AAs of VH				
101A002	846	135-245	153-170	186-192	186-192	235-240	1-119	26-35	99-108	GAGCHPTGYMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2160)		99-108
101A004	847	141-231	163-176	188-194	188-194	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
101B007	848	141-248	162-172	188-194	188-194	237-237	1-125	26-35	99-114	GYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2163)		99-114
101B007	849	141-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
101B007	850	143-250	164-174	190-196	190-196	229-239	1-127	26-35	99-116	DGSDYDLITGYDYMMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2154)		99-116
101B007	851	143-250	164-174	190-196	190-196	229-239	1-127	26-35	99-116	DGSDYDLITGYDYMMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2154)		99-116
101B008	852	141-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
101B008	853	141-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
101B008	854	143-253	165-178	194-200	194-200	233-242	1-127	24-33	97-116	EGGNYDLITGYGNGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2158)		97-116
102B002	855	141-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2157)		99-114
102B003	856	141-251	165-175	191-197	191-197	230-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	TDYDILITGYGNGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2170)		99-114
102B007	857	144-255	167-179	195-201	195-201	234-244	1-128	26-35	99-117	GGEYDILITGYGNGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2166)		99-117
102B007	858	144-255	167-179	195-201	195-201	234-244	1-128	26-35	99-117	GGEYDILITGYGNGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2166)		99-117
102B007	859	141-250	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-239	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
102B007	860	143-253	165-177	193-199	193-199	233-242	1-127	26-35	99-116	DGSDYDLITGYDYMMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2154)		99-116
1031C03	861	137-248	160-172	188-194	188-194	227-237	1-121	26-35	99-110	GYDSSARAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2166)		99-110
1031C07	862	147-258	170-183	199-205	199-205	238-247	1-131	26-35	99-120	SSPRWYDALIGSSVHSAMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2169)		99-120
1031C09	863	145-255	167-179	195-201	195-201	234-244	1-127	26-35	99-116	DEGRDILITGYWNPFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2168)		99-116
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1031C08	866	143-253	165-178	194-200	194-200	233-242	1-127	24-33	97-116	EGGNYDLITGYGNGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2158)		97-116
1031C10	867	140-250	162-175	191-197	191-197	230-239	1-124	26-35	99-113	DGHDILITPAALMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2160)		99-113
1031C12	868	140-250	162-175	191-197	191-197	230-239	1-124	26-35	99-113	DGHDILITPAALMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2160)		99-113
1031C12	869	145-257	168-181	197-203	197-203	236-246	1-129	26-40	104-118	QNDPLITGYKLGFDY (SEQ ID NO: 2164)		104-118
1061A02	870	144-254	166-179	195-201	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-37	102-117	DEYDILITGYGNGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2129)		102-117
1061A02	871	144-254	166-179	195-201	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-37	102-117	DEYDILITGYGNGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2129)		102-117
1061B01	872	146-256	168-181	197-203	197-203	236-245	1-130	26-35	101-119	FNHYDILITGYGNGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2155)		101-119
1001A03	873	144-254	166-179	195-201	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
1001A07	874	141-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
1001A08	875	141-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
1001A10	876	141-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
1001A10	877	141-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
1001B01	878	137-247	159-171	187-193	187-193	226-236	1-121	26-35	99-110	DRETKYGVGMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2946)		99-110
1001B07	879	141-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
1001B06	880	143-253	165-178	194-200	194-200	233-242	1-127	24-33	97-116	EGGNYDLITGYGNGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2158)		97-116
1001B08	881	144-254	166-179	195-201	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	99-117	EGSDYDLITGYGNGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2171)		99-117
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1001C12	883	141-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
1001D12	884	141-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
1001D12	885	143-253	165-178	194-200	194-200	233-242	1-127	24-33	97-116	EGGNYDLITGYGNGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2158)		97-116
1001D17	886	141-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
1001D17	887	141-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)		99-114
1001D17	888	144-254	166-179	195-201	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	99-117	EGSDYDLITGYGNGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2171)		99-117
1001D17	889	144-254	166-179	195-201	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	99-117	EGSDYDLITGYGNGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2171)		99-117
1003A01	890	140-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-124	26-34	98-113	ELGSSNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2852)		98-113
1003A06	891	140-251	163-176	192-198	192-198	231-240	1-124	26-34	98-113	ELGSSNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2852)		98-113
1003A07	892	142-249	163-173	189-195	189-195	228-238	1-126	26-35	99-115	DOYDILITGYGNGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2155)		99-115

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Clone ID	seqF, SEQ ID NO.	AAs of VL	VL CDR1	AAs of VL CDR2	seqFs that Immunorecognize B1a to B15S			AAs of VH CDR1	AAs of VH CDR2	AAs of VH CDR3	VH CDR3 Sequence (SEQ ID NO.)
					VL	VH	AAs of VH				
1007A01	940	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1007A08	941	130-249	160-174	190-196	229-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-114	SYVDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2746)	
1007A10	942	140-250	162-175	191-197	230-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-114	ENYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2746)	
1007A12	943	144-251	165-176	192-198	231-240	1-128	26-35	50-68	101-117	GYVDLITGVHWDGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2802)	
1007B04	944	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1007B04	945	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1007C08	946	142-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-126	26-35	50-65	98-115	ENYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2810)	
1007C12	947	140-250	162-175	191-197	230-239	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-113	ENYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2782)	
1007D08	948	140-250	162-175	191-197	230-239	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-113	ENYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2782)	
1007D08	949	144-251	165-175	191-197	230-240	1-128	26-35	50-68	101-117	GYVDLITGVHWDGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2872)	
1007E03	950	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1007E10	951	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	DFYVDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2741)	
1007E11	952	144-251	163-175	191-197	230-240	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	DPYVDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2923)	
1007F06	953	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1007F07	954	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1007F07	955	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	SHYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2166)	
1007G09	956	142-252	164-177	193-199	232-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	DSGDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2805)	
1007G10	957	142-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-126	26-35	50-65	98-115	ENYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2847)	
1007H07	958	147-257	169-182	198-204	227-246	1-131	26-35	50-68	101-120	SCYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2875)	
1007H11	959	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ENYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2801)	
1008A05	960	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1008A06	961	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1008A06	962	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1008A12	963	142-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	DREYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2960)	
1008B01	964	140-250	162-175	191-197	230-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	ENYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2772)	
1008B02	965	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1008B03	966	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1008B05	967	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	DHYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2740)	
1008B06	968	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1008B07	969	140-247	163-173	189-195	228-236	1-124	24-33	48-64	97-113	GRYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2902)	
1008B10	970	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2947)	
1008B11	971	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	ENYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2753)	
1008B12	972	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1008C06	973	140-259	171-183	199-205	238-248	1-133	26-35	50-66	99-122	GRGPGYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2729)	
1008C09	974	142-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	EYVDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2973)	
1008D01	975	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1008D02	976	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1008D03	977	141-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	ENYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2751)	
1008D04	978	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1008D05	979	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1008D06	980	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1008D07	981	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	DREYDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2837)	
1008D08	982	144-251	165-175	191-197	230-240	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	DPYVDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2923)	
1008D09	983	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	EGYVDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2974)	
1008D10	984	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
1008E02	985	137-247	159-172	182-194	227-236	1-121	20-31	46-63	99-114	EYVDLITGVYGVGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2906)	
1008E03	986	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	

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Clone ID	seqV/SEQ ID NO	AAs of VL	seqs that Immunogenically Bind to B155				AAs of CDR3	VH CDR3 Sequence (SEQ ID NO)	
			AAs of VL CDR1	AAs of VL CDR2	AAs of VL CDR3	AAs of VH CDR1			AAs of VH CDR2
008E04	987	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	50-66	99-114	ATYDILPTVSGDGEI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
008E08	988	141-252	163-178	191-197	230-241	1-125	50-66	99-114	STVDILNTVWYDI (SEQ ID NO: 2160)
008E10	989	143-253	163-178	194-200	233-242	1-125	50-66	99-116	ERADYDILGVYDMV (SEQ ID NO: 2633)
008E12	990	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	52-67	100-114	FRYDILSVYGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2734)
008E03	991	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGEI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
008E06	992	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGEI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
008E07	993	143-250	164-174	194-200	229-239	1-127	50-65	98-116	GRKYLTYGVYHGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2811)
008E08	994	143-253	165-178	194-200	233-242	1-127	50-66	99-116	GRKYLTYGVYHGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2844)
008E09	995	133-243	155-168	184-190	223-232	1-117	50-65	98-106	HILHLDGY (SEQ ID NO: 2604)
008E10	996	140-247	161-171	187-193	226-236	1-124	50-65	99-113	SPYDILTYGVYGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2934)
008E11	997	144-251	165-175	191-197	230-240	1-128	50-68	101-117	ATYDILTYSVYGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2968)
008E02	998	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGEI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
008E03	999	141-247	163-171	187-193	226-236	1-124	50-66	99-113	GYDPTLTSGEVDV (SEQ ID NO: 2941)
008E04	1000	143-253	165-178	194-200	233-242	1-127	50-66	98-116	EGSYDILGVYGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2171)
008E05	1001	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-128	50-66	99-117	QGYDILGVYGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
008E11	1002	136-246	158-171	187-193	226-235	1-120	50-66	99-109	ATYDILGLDY (SEQ ID NO: 2966)
008E12	1003	143-253	165-178	194-200	233-242	1-127	50-65	99-116	DOYDILGVYHGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2964)
008E02	1004	141-248	164-174	190-196	229-237	1-125	50-66	99-114	DOYDILMHNTYMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2918)
008E03	1005	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	50-65	99-114	ATYDILPTVSGDGEI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
008E04	1006	143-253	166-178	194-200	233-242	1-127	50-65	98-116	EGSYDILGVYGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2171)
008E05	1007	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-128	50-66	99-117	QGYDILGVYGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
008E11	1008	141-248	164-174	190-196	229-237	1-125	50-66	99-114	TXDYLTYGVYMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2856)
008E03	1009	140-249	163-175	191-197	230-238	1-124	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2174)
008E06	1010	140-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-124	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2174)
008E10	1011	140-251	163-178	194-197	230-240	1-124	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2174)
008E06	1012	142-255	165-178	194-200	233-244	1-126	50-66	99-113	TRRGKMDVTSRGMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2814)
008E06	1013	140-250	164-174	190-196	229-239	1-124	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2174)
008E10	1014	140-250	164-174	190-196	229-239	1-124	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2174)
008E10	1015	145-256	168-180	196-202	235-245	1-129	50-66	99-118	DREGNDILTYVHHGVDV (SEQ ID NO: 2914)
008E07	1016	140-252	164-176	192-198	231-241	1-124	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2174)
008E08	1017	139-250	162-174	189-196	229-239	1-123	50-66	99-112	RYGPPYTYMNV (SEQ ID NO: 2753)
008E09	1018	140-247	163-173	189-195	228-236	1-124	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2174)
008E10	1019	140-249	163-175	189-195	228-238	1-124	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2174)
008E12	1020	140-251	164-176	192-198	231-240	1-124	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2174)
008E03	1021	140-252	164-176	192-198	231-241	1-124	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2174)
008E05	1022	139-250	163-173	189-195	228-239	1-123	50-66	99-112	RYGPPYTYMNV (SEQ ID NO: 2753)
008E10	1023	139-251	162-175	191-197	230-240	1-123	50-66	99-112	RYGPPYTYMNV (SEQ ID NO: 2753)
008E10	1024	140-249	163-174	189-195	228-238	1-124	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2174)
008E10	1025	147-259	170-182	198-204	237-248	1-131	50-66	99-120	SPPKWYDALGHSSHSAMV (SEQ ID NO: 2159)
008E12	1026	147-256	171-181	197-203	236-245	1-131	50-66	99-120	SPPKWYDALGHSSHSAMV (SEQ ID NO: 2159)
008E04	1027	147-256	171-181	198-204	237-245	1-131	50-66	99-120	SPPKWYDALGHSSHSAMV (SEQ ID NO: 2159)
008E09	1028	147-257	171-181	197-203	236-246	1-131	50-66	99-120	SPPKWYDALGHSSHSAMV (SEQ ID NO: 2159)
008E10	1029	147-258	170-182	198-204	237-247	1-131	50-66	99-120	SPPKWYDALGHSSHSAMV (SEQ ID NO: 2159)
008E10	1030	137-249	160-173	189-195	228-238	1-121	50-66	99-110	GYDSASAFRDI (SEQ ID NO: 2166)
008E10	1031	147-259	170-183	199-205	238-248	1-131	50-66	99-118	SPPKWYDALGHSSHSAMV (SEQ ID NO: 2165)
008E10	1032	145-257	168-181	197-203	236-246	1-129	50-66	99-118	GRIRVLTGTRGHFTMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2789)

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Clone ID	seqF ₁ SEQ ID	AAs of VL	AAs of VL CDR1	AAs of VL CDR2	seqF ₂ that Immunorecognitively Bind to B10S			AAs of VH CDR3	AAs of VH CDR3 Sequence (SEQ ID NO)
					AAs of VL	AAs of VH	AAs of VH CDR3		
028364	1175	143-253	165-78	184-200	231-240	1-127	26-35	99-116	DANVDLTGVYTCIAAFM (SEQ ID NO: 2880)
028368	1176	141-231	163-78	182-199	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATVDLTGVYTCIAAFM (SEQ ID NO: 2881)
028369	1177	140-247	163-73	189-195	228-236	1-124	26-35	99-113	HYDILGVYSLGMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2882)
028370	1178	141-248	162-72	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	99-114	HYDILGVYSLGMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2883)
028371	1179	143-250	164-74	190-196	229-239	1-127	26-35	99-116	EGSYDILGVYGVGMVDV (SEQ ID NO: 2884)
028372	1180	143-253	165-78	194-200	233-242	1-127	26-35	99-116	EGSYDILGVYGVGMVDV (SEQ ID NO: 2885)
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028374	1182	141-248	162-72	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	99-114	ATVDLTGVYTCIAAFM (SEQ ID NO: 2887)
028375	1183	146-256	168-180	196-202	235-245	1-130	26-35	99-119	DNRGGYDILGVYRFGSDI (SEQ ID NO: 2888)
028376	1184	141-251	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-118	26-35	99-107	DNRGGYDILGVYRFGSDI (SEQ ID NO: 2889)
028377	1185	141-251	163-76	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	VSQYDGVSYGVGMVDV (SEQ ID NO: 2890)
028378	1186	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	99-117	EVRYDILSTRYSLAGPLN (SEQ ID NO: 2891)
028379	1187	141-250	163-73	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	VSQYDGVSYGVGMVDV (SEQ ID NO: 2892)
028380	1188	142-259	167-75	191-197	230-238	1-126	26-35	102-115	SEKQDILGVYTCIAAFM (SEQ ID NO: 2893)
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028385	1193	137-247	159-71	185-193	225-236	1-121	26-35	101-110	KMLDILGVYTCIAAFM (SEQ ID NO: 2898)
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028396	1204	140-249	163-74	190-196	229-239	1-123	26-35	99-112	RYDILGVYTCIAAFM (SEQ ID NO: 2909)
028397	1205	139-249	163-73	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	RYDILGVYTCIAAFM (SEQ ID NO: 2910)
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028399	1207	141-251	165-75	191-197	230-240	1-125	26-35	99-114	ELHRLGVYTCIAAFM (SEQ ID NO: 2912)
028400	1208	139-252	162-75	191-197	230-241	1-123	26-35	99-112	RYDILGVYTCIAAFM (SEQ ID NO: 2913)
028401	1209	146-256	169-182	198-204	237-245	1-130	26-35	101-119	DGNYDILGVYTCIAAFM (SEQ ID NO: 2914)
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028403	1211	140-251	163-75	191-197	230-240	1-124	26-35	99-113	ELGINSVINGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2916)
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028406	1214	133-244	156-68	184-190	223-233	1-117	26-35	99-106	SGQWDP (SEQ ID NO: 2919)
028407	1215	139-249	163-73	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	RYDILGVYTCIAAFM (SEQ ID NO: 2920)
028408	1216	139-249	163-73	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	RYDILGVYTCIAAFM (SEQ ID NO: 2921)
028409	1217	139-249	163-73	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	99-112	RYDILGVYTCIAAFM (SEQ ID NO: 2922)
028410	1218	140-251	165-76	191-197	230-240	1-124	26-35	99-113	ELGINSVINGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2923)
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028412	1220	140-251	165-76	191-197	230-240	1-124	26-35	99-113	ELGINSVINGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2925)
028413	1221	140-251	165-76	191-197	230-240	1-124	26-35	99-113	ELGINSVINGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2926)
028414	1222	140-251	165-76	191-197	230-240	1-124	26-35	99-113	ELGINSVINGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2927)

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03I00090	1225	139-251	162-75	191-197	239-240	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-112	KYGPFPYYVYANT (SEQ ID NO: 2755)
03I00100	1226	140-254	163-76	192-198	231-243	1-124	26-34	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2174)
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03I00112	1229	140-251	163-76	191-197	239-240	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	INTDYLISYGRHPD (SEQ ID NO: 2942)
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03I00114	1231	139-251	162-75	191-197	239-240	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	KYGPFPYYVYANT (SEQ ID NO: 2755)
03I00117	1232	140-251	164-74	190-196	229-240	1-124	26-34	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2174)
03I00140	1233	145-255	168-81	197-203	236-244	1-129	26-35	50-66	99-118	DGGGNTDLTGYYTHGGVD (SEQ ID NO: 2914)
03I001405	1234	146-258	170-82	198-204	237-247	1-130	26-37	52-69	102-119	ATKSYDILTGYYTHGGVD (SEQ ID NO: 2914)
03I001410	1235	140-253	163-76	192-198	231-242	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	INTDYLISYGRHPD (SEQ ID NO: 2942)
03I001411	1236	140-253	163-76	192-198	231-242	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	INTDYLISYGRHPD (SEQ ID NO: 2942)
03I001411A	1237	137-248	160-73	189-195	228-237	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	GYDSSARAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2136)
03I001411A1	1238	141-251	166-76	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-120	PYDYLINTLTFQYTG (SEQ ID NO: 2806)
03I001411A08	1239	147-258	170-82	198-204	237-247	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	GREDDTKVPWRYHYHYMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
03I001411A12	1240	146-257	169-77	197-203	237-246	1-130	26-35	50-66	99-119	GREDDTKVPWRYHYHYMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
03I001411B01	1241	136-246	159-172	188-194	227-235	1-120	26-35	50-68	101-109	GLGHTLSTK (SEQ ID NO: 2959)
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03I001411B03	1243	147-258	170-82	198-204	237-247	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	GREDDTKVPWRYHYHYMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
03I001411B08	1244	147-260	171-83	199-205	238-249	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	SPPKWYDALTGHSYSASMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2159)
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03I001411C01	1248	141-253	164-77	193-199	232-242	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	PYDYLISVYQVDFH (SEQ ID NO: 2137)
03I001411C04	1249	147-260	171-83	199-205	238-249	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	GREDDTKVPWRYHYHYMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2813)
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03I001411C11	1252	147-257	171-81	197-203	236-246	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	GREDDTKVPWRYHYHYMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
03I001411D01	1253	145-256	168-80	196-202	235-245	1-129	26-35	50-66	99-118	AATISQNKNTATYYGMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2131)
03I001411D06	1254	147-258	170-82	198-204	237-247	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	VPKRLVDFWLSRHDAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2807)
03I001411D08	1255	144-257	167-80	196-202	235-246	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	GYDSSARAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2136)
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03I001411D11	1258	147-256	171-81	197-203	236-245	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	SPPKWYDALTGHSYSASMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2165)
03I001411D12	1259	147-256	171-81	197-203	236-245	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	DKAHGEYGRDYYYGMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2755)
03I001411E01	1260	147-258	170-82	198-204	237-247	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	SPPKWYDALTGHSYSASMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2159)
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03I001411E07	1262	147-259	170-83	199-205	238-248	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	GREDDTKVPWRYHYHYMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
03I001411E08	1263	147-259	170-83	199-205	238-248	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	GREDDTKVPWRYHYHYMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
03I001411E10	1264	137-246	160-71	189-195	228-235	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	GYDSSARAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2136)
03I001411E10	1265	147-258	170-82	198-204	237-247	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	SPPKWYDALTGHSYSASMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2165)
03I001411E11	1266	147-258	170-82	198-204	237-247	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	SPPKWYDALTGHSYSASMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2159)
03I001411F04	1268	137-246	160-72	188-194	237-235	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	GYDSSARAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2136)

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seq#	SEQ ID	AA# of VL	AA# of VL CD2	AA# of VL CD3	AA# of VH	AA# of CD1	AA# of VH2	AA# of VH3	VH CD3 Sequence (SEQ ID NO)
1269	031F46	135-247	139-171	187-193	226-236	36-35	50-66	98-108	DTVIRSGAMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2804) DKAGYVDSGASDVTH (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
1270	031F47	135-247	139-171	187-193	226-236	36-35	50-66	98-108	DKAGYVDSGASDVTH (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
1271	031F48	167-179	195-201	234-244	1-128	36-35	50-66	99-117	DKAGYVDSGASDVTH (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
1272	031F12	137-249	160-172	188-194	227-237	36-35	50-66	99-110	DKAGYVDSGASDVTH (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
1273	031G01	147-248	170-182	188-194	227-237	36-35	50-66	99-110	SPSPKVPYDALGSHVAMSDV (SEQ ID NO: 2159) GREDTUKVPEKRWYHYHYMVDV (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
1274	031G03	147-248	170-182	188-194	227-237	36-35	50-66	99-110	SPSPKVPYDALGSHVAMSDV (SEQ ID NO: 2159)
1275	031G05	147-249	170-183	190-205	228-248	36-35	50-66	99-120	SPSPKVPYDALGSHVAMSDV (SEQ ID NO: 2159)
1276	031G07	147-250	171-183	190-205	228-248	36-35	50-66	99-120	SPSPKVPYDALGSHVAMSDV (SEQ ID NO: 2159)
1277	031G09	147-250	171-183	190-205	228-248	36-35	50-66	99-120	GREDTUKVPEKRWYHYHYMVDV (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
1278	031G09	147-263	170-183	190-209	244-252	36-35	50-66	99-120	GREDTUKVPEKRWYHYHYMVDV (SEQ ID NO: 2809)
1279	031G12	145-265	168-180	196-202	235-245	36-35	50-66	99-118	DKAGYVDSGASDVTH (SEQ ID NO: 2131)
1280	031H01	137-250	160-173	189-195	228-239	36-35	50-66	99-115	DKAGYVDSGASDVTH (SEQ ID NO: 2136)
1281	031H02	142-255	165-178	194-200	233-244	36-35	50-66	99-115	DKAGYVDSGASDVTH (SEQ ID NO: 2871)
1282	031H03	142-255	165-178	194-200	233-244	36-35	50-66	99-115	DKAGYVDSGASDVTH (SEQ ID NO: 2871)
1283	031H04	144-257	167-179	195-201	234-246	36-35	50-66	99-117	DKAGYVDSGASDVTH (SEQ ID NO: 2755)
1284	031H09	144-257	167-179	195-201	234-244	36-35	50-66	99-117	DKAGYVDSGASDVTH (SEQ ID NO: 2755)
1285	031H10	143-256	166-179	194-201	234-245	36-35	50-66	99-116	DROGYTQDKRLVGYGVDF (SEQ ID NO: 2931)
1286	031H11	1385	135-246	158-170	186-192	235-235	50-66	99-116	DROGYTQDKRLVGYGVDF (SEQ ID NO: 2931)
1287	031A08	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	36-37	52-69	102-117	DROGYTQDKRLVGYGVDF (SEQ ID NO: 2139)
1288	031A09	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	36-37	52-69	102-117	DROGYTQDKRLVGYGVDF (SEQ ID NO: 2139)
1289	031A10	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	36-37	52-69	102-117	DROGYTQDKRLVGYGVDF (SEQ ID NO: 2139)
1290	031C08	142-249	163-173	187-193	228-238	36-35	50-66	99-115	EMGYDLITGVYADV (SEQ ID NO: 2751)
1291	031C02	139-245	161-171	187-193	226-234	36-35	50-66	99-115	EMGYDLITGVYADV (SEQ ID NO: 2862)
1292	031C03	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	36-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDTH (SEQ ID NO: 2781)
1293	031C05	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	36-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDTH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
1294	031B01	140-247	161-171	187-193	226-236	36-35	50-66	99-113	ATYDPLTGVSGDTH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
1295	031B02	139-249	161-173	187-193	226-236	36-35	50-66	99-113	ATYDPLTGVSGDTH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
1296	031B03	139-249	161-173	187-193	228-238	36-35	50-66	99-112	ATYDPLTGVSGDTH (SEQ ID NO: 2962)
1297	031B06	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-242	36-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGVSGDTH (SEQ ID NO: 2780)
1298	031B11	143-253	165-177	193-199	232-240	36-35	50-66	99-116	HRSSKSTSGKENDATD (SEQ ID NO: 2770)
1299	031B12	142-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	36-35	50-66	99-115	HRSSKSTSGKENDATD (SEQ ID NO: 2862)
1300	031B03	139-246	161-173	187-193	226-236	36-35	50-66	99-112	EGAAOTLVNQCTQD (SEQ ID NO: 2768)
1301	031B04	139-246	161-173	187-193	226-236	36-35	50-66	99-112	EGAAOTLVNQCTQD (SEQ ID NO: 2768)
1302	031F10	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	36-35	50-66	99-117	DIADRLAAQSDH (SEQ ID NO: 2794)
1303	031F12	134-241	155-165	181-187	230-230	36-35	50-66	99-107	DIADRLAAQSDH (SEQ ID NO: 2751)
1304	031G03	143-253	165-178	190-200	233-242	36-35	50-66	97-116	DIDGEGDHS (SEQ ID NO: 2954)
1305	031G05	142-249	163-178	194-200	228-238	36-35	50-66	99-115	PGQVTLVIRGAEATDA (SEQ ID NO: 2158)
1306	031G08	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	36-35	50-66	99-114	PGQVTLVIRGAEATDA (SEQ ID NO: 2925)
1307	031G09	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	36-35	50-66	99-114	PGQVTLVIRGAEATDA (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
1308	031G05	139-246	160-170	186-192	225-235	36-35	50-66	99-112	SRLLTLEPHYGVADV (SEQ ID NO: 2131)
1309	031A04	141-251	163-175	191-197	230-240	36-35	50-66	99-114	SHYDLIRKLVYADV (SEQ ID NO: 2980)
1310	031B04	144-251	167-177	193-199	232-240	36-35	50-66	99-117	DPOYVTLGVTHYGVADV (SEQ ID NO: 2902)
1311	031C04	142-252	164-177	190-195	232-241	36-35	50-65	98-115	ENGYDVLITGVTHYGVADV (SEQ ID NO: 2882)
1312	031C06	141-249	160-175	189-195	228-238	36-35	50-66	99-114	TYDHTLVYDWAQD (SEQ ID NO: 2752)
1313	031C07	140-248	159-175	188-194	227-237	36-35	50-66	99-113	TYDHTLVYDWAQD (SEQ ID NO: 2864)
1314	031D05	138-171	158-171	187-191	226-235	36-35	50-66	99-107	SOYDLHRLTYVYGVADV (SEQ ID NO: 2160)
1315	031D06	144-251	165-175	191-197	230-240	36-35	50-66	99-117	DROGYTLIRYVYGVADV (SEQ ID NO: 2928)

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	1365	147-258	164-176	190-205	231-241	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-110	HRKAVVPPVGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 2940)					
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	1368	135-246	138-170	185-191	225-235	1-119	26-35	50-66	99-108	ITPFGSGMDY (SEQ ID NO: 2804)					
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1406	133-243	155-168	184-190	223-232	1-117	26-35	50-66	99-106	PSYHMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2740)						
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1408	140-250	165-176	192-198	232-242	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	ATYDYLIVGSDGDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)						
1409	146-256	168-181	197-203	236-245	1-130	26-35	50-66	99-119	EDATYDYLIVGTPVDAEDL (SEQ ID NO: 2763)						

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06a6001	1410	143-250	166-176	192-198	1-127	26-35	50-66	99-116	ETKSTSPSPNYYMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2736)
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06a6005	1414	140-250	162-174	190-196	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	ERGSYSSGSGMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2740)
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06a6041	1450	144-254	166-179	195-201	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	QCKVYSSSYLH (SEQ ID NO: 2776)
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06a6043	1452	140-250	162-175	191-197	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	QCKVYSSSYLH (SEQ ID NO: 2778)
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0607E101	1456	140-248	164-174	190-196	229-238	1-24	26-35	50-66	90-113
0607E102	1457	135-265	157-169	185-191	224-234	1-19	26-35	50-66	90-113
0607E103	1458	135-265	172-184	200-206	224-234	1-14	26-35	50-66	90-123
0607E111	1459	140-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-25	26-35	50-66	90-114
0607E112	1460	140-251	162-175	191-197	230-239	1-24	26-35	50-66	90-113
0607E113	1461	140-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-25	26-35	50-66	90-113
0607E114	1462	141-252	165-180	196-202	231-241	1-25	26-35	50-66	90-114
0607E115	1463	146-256	168-180	196-202	231-245	1-30	26-35	50-68	101-119
0607E116	1464	135-245	157-169	185-191	224-234	1-19	26-35	50-66	90-108
0607E117	1465	137-248	160-172	188-194	227-237	1-21	26-35	50-66	90-110
0608C001	1466	143-254	166-178	194-200	233-243	1-27	26-35	50-66	90-116
0608C002	1467	143-254	166-178	194-200	233-243	1-27	26-35	50-66	90-116
0608C003	1468	140-251	164-174	190-196	229-240	1-24	26-35	50-66	90-113
0608C004	1469	140-251	166-178	194-200	233-243	1-27	26-35	50-66	90-116
0608C005	1470	140-247	161-171	187-193	226-236	1-24	26-35	50-66	90-113
0608C006	1471	140-250	162-175	191-197	230-239	1-24	26-35	50-68	101-113
0608C007	1472	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-25	26-35	50-66	90-114
0608C008	1473	141-248	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-26	26-35	50-66	90-114
0608C009	1474	141-248	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-26	26-35	50-66	90-114
0608C010	1475	142-252	166-176	192-198	231-241	1-26	27-36	51-67	100-115
0608C011	1476	138-245	160-173	189-195	228-237	1-22	26-35	50-66	90-111
0608C012	1477	135-245	157-169	185-191	224-234	1-19	26-35	50-66	90-108
0608C013	1478	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-25	26-35	50-66	90-114
0608C014	1479	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-25	26-35	50-66	90-114
0608C015	1480	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-25	26-35	50-66	90-114
0608C016	1481	140-250	170-182	194-204	237-248	1-31	26-35	50-66	90-120
0608C017	1482	144-253	168-178	194-200	233-242	1-28	26-35	50-66	90-117
0608C018	1483	144-255	168-178	194-200	233-244	1-28	26-35	50-66	90-117
0608C019	1484	144-250	164-174	190-196	229-239	1-24	26-35	50-66	90-113
0608C020	1485	143-259	166-179	195-205	240-248	1-27	26-35	50-66	90-116
0608C021	1486	143-259	166-179	195-205	240-248	1-27	26-35	50-66	90-116
0608C022	1487	139-251	162-175	191-197	230-240	1-13	26-35	50-66	90-112
0608C023	1488	143-253	167-177	193-199	232-242	1-27	26-35	50-66	90-116
0608C024	1489	142-254	165-178	194-200	233-243	1-26	26-35	50-66	90-115
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Clone ID	seqF5 SEQ ID	AAs of VL	AAs of VL CDR1	AAs of VL CDR2	AAs of VL CDR3	seqF5 that Immunogenically Bind to BLyS		AAs of VH CDR1	AAs of VH CDR2	AAs of VH CDR3	VH CDR3 Sequence (SEQ ID NO)
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0758061	1503	143-253	162-177	193-199	232-240	1-127	26-35	99-116	50-66	99-116	GGYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2860)
0758062	1504	143-253	162-177	193-199	232-240	1-127	26-35	100-121	50-66	99-116	GGYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2861)
0758063	1505	143-253	166-179	195-201	234-241	1-127	26-35	99-116	50-66	99-116	GGYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2862)
0758064	1506	140-252	163-176	192-198	231-241	1-124	26-35	98-113	49-65	98-113	ELGYNVATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2863)
0758065	1507	140-252	163-176	192-198	231-241	1-124	26-35	98-113	49-65	98-113	ELGYNVATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2864)
0758066	1508	140-252	166-178	194-199	232-233	1-117	26-35	99-106	50-66	99-106	SGQWDF (SEQ ID NO: 2865)
0758067	1509	140-252	166-178	194-199	232-233	1-117	26-35	99-106	50-66	99-106	SGQWDF (SEQ ID NO: 2866)
0758068	1510	140-252	166-178	194-199	232-233	1-117	26-35	99-106	50-66	99-106	SGQWDF (SEQ ID NO: 2867)
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0758070	1512	140-251	163-175	191-197	230-240	1-124	26-35	99-113	50-66	99-113	GRNYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2869)
0758071	1513	133-244	156-168	184-190	232-233	1-117	26-35	99-106	50-66	99-106	DDKAAQ (SEQ ID NO: 2870)
0758072	1514	133-244	156-168	184-190	232-233	1-117	26-35	99-106	50-66	99-106	DDKAAQ (SEQ ID NO: 2871)
0758073	1515	133-243	157-167	185-191	232-232	1-117	26-35	99-106	50-66	99-106	DDKAAQ (SEQ ID NO: 2872)
0758074	1516	133-243	156-169	185-191	232-234	1-117	26-35	99-106	50-66	99-106	DDKAAQ (SEQ ID NO: 2873)
0758075	1517	140-252	163-175	191-197	230-241	1-124	26-35	98-113	49-65	98-113	ELGYNVATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2874)
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0758077	1519	140-252	163-176	192-198	231-241	1-124	26-35	99-113	50-66	99-113	GRNYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2876)
0758078	1520	141-253	164-177	193-199	232-242	1-125	26-35	99-114	50-66	99-114	DDKAAQ (SEQ ID NO: 2877)
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0758080	1522	143-254	166-178	194-199	233-243	1-127	26-35	99-106	50-66	99-106	GGYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2879)
0758081	1523	133-245	156-169	185-191	234-234	1-117	26-35	99-106	50-66	99-106	DDKAAQ (SEQ ID NO: 2880)
0758082	1524	133-244	156-168	184-190	232-233	1-117	26-35	99-106	50-66	99-106	DDKAAQ (SEQ ID NO: 2881)
0758083	1525	143-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-127	26-35	99-116	50-66	99-116	GGYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2882)
0758084	1526	143-253	166-176	192-198	231-242	1-126	26-35	99-113	50-66	99-113	GRNYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2883)
0758085	1527	143-253	166-176	192-198	231-242	1-126	26-35	99-113	50-66	99-113	GRNYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2884)
076A06	1528	133-245	156-168	184-190	232-234	1-117	26-35	99-106	50-66	99-106	DDKAAQ (SEQ ID NO: 2885)
076A07	1529	139-250	162-174	190-196	229-239	1-123	26-35	99-112	50-66	99-112	DRDILGYSNGQ (SEQ ID NO: 2886)
076A08	1530	142-253	166-176	192-198	231-242	1-126	26-35	99-115	50-66	99-115	GGYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2887)
076A09	1531	142-257	167-179	195-201	236-246	1-127	26-35	99-116	50-66	99-116	GGYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2888)
076B03	1532	133-245	156-169	185-191	232-234	1-117	26-35	99-106	50-66	99-106	DDKAAQ (SEQ ID NO: 2889)
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076B05	1534	141-252	166-177	193-199	232-241	1-125	26-35	99-114	50-66	99-114	GGYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2891)
076C10	1535	140-250	164-174	190-196	229-239	1-124	26-35	99-113	49-65	99-113	ELGYNVATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2892)
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076D01	1537	141-252	164-176	192-198	231-241	1-125	26-35	99-114	50-66	99-114	DDKAAQ (SEQ ID NO: 2894)
076D02	1538	140-251	163-175	191-197	230-240	1-124	26-35	99-113	50-66	99-113	GRNYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2895)
076D03	1539	140-251	163-175	191-197	230-240	1-124	26-35	99-113	50-66	99-113	GRNYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2896)
076D04	1540	140-250	164-174	190-196	229-239	1-124	26-35	99-113	49-65	99-113	ELGYNVATGALDM (SEQ ID NO: 2897)
076E04	1541	143-252	167-177	193-199	232-241	1-127	26-35	99-116	50-66	99-116	GGYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2898)
076E05	1542	140-251	163-175	191-197	230-240	1-124	26-35	99-113	50-66	99-113	GRNYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2899)
076E06	1543	141-253	164-177	193-199	232-242	1-125	26-35	99-114	50-66	99-114	DDKAAQ (SEQ ID NO: 2900)
076E07	1544	141-254	166-179	195-201	236-246	1-127	26-35	99-116	50-66	99-116	GGYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2901)
076E08	1545	141-254	166-179	195-201	236-246	1-127	26-35	99-116	50-66	99-116	GGYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2902)
076E09	1546	140-251	163-175	191-197	230-240	1-124	26-35	99-113	50-66	99-113	GRNYDILGYMGSAFQ (SEQ ID NO: 2903)
076E10	1547	133-245	157-169	185-191	234-234	1-117	26-35	99-106	50-66	99-106	DDKAAQ (SEQ ID NO: 2904)

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076808	1548	140-250	164-74	190-196	229-239	1-124	26-36	51-66	99-113	VYDILITGVTRMFI (SEQ ID NO. 2749)	
076810	1549	140-252	164-74	190-197	230-241	1-124	26-34	51-66	99-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2750)	
076809	1550	133-245	156-168	184-190	233-234	1-117	26-35	50-66	99-113	DQGRYLDL (SEQ ID NO. 2175)	
076810	1551	140-251	163-75	191-197	230-240	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	GRYDMLTRGVDFY (SEQ ID NO. 2888)	
076811	1552	143-259	166-179	195-205	240-248	1-127	26-35	50-66	99-116	GGYDILITGVMSAFQ (SEQ ID NO. 2800)	
076812	1553	146-257	169-181	197-203	236-246	1-130	26-35	50-66	99-119	NGYDILITGVMDYGMDF (SEQ ID NO. 2769)	
076802	1554	144-251	163-75	191-197	230-240	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	ENSLITGVDFY (SEQ ID NO. 2901)	
076803	1555	145-251	163-75	191-197	230-240	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	ENSLITGVDFY (SEQ ID NO. 2902)	
076805	1556	140-251	163-75	191-197	230-240	1-124	26-34	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2174)	
076806	1557	144-252	163-76	192-198	231-241	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	VYDILITGVGADFV (SEQ ID NO. 2827)	
076808	1558	143-256	166-179	195-201	234-245	1-127	26-35	50-66	99-116	GGYDILITGVTFGSLDY (SEQ ID NO. 2766)	
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076806	1560	143-256	166-179	195-201	234-245	1-127	26-35	50-66	99-116	GGYDILITGVTFGSLDY (SEQ ID NO. 2766)	
078806	1561	140-250	162-75	191-197	230-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	VYDILITGVDFY (SEQ ID NO. 2177)	
078810	1562	141-251	163-76	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	MEYDILITGVGVDFY (SEQ ID NO. 2179)	
1002A01-K	1563	141-250	164-74	190-196	229-239	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2174)	
1002A01-K	1564	141-250	164-74	190-196	229-239	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2174)	
1002A01-K	1565	141-250	164-74	190-196	229-239	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2174)	
1002A01-K	1566	141-250	164-74	190-196	229-239	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2174)	
1002A01-K	1567	141-250	164-74	190-196	229-239	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2174)	
1008006	1568	133-244	156-169	185-191	224-233	1-117	26-35	50-66	99-106	DQGRYLDL (SEQ ID NO. 2175)	
075812	1569	133-244	156-168	184-190	223-233	1-117	26-35	50-66	99-106	DQGRYLDL (SEQ ID NO. 2175)	
1003006	1570	140-249	163-73	189-195	228-238	1-124	26-34	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2174)	
075806	1571	140-249	163-75	191-197	230-238	1-124	26-34	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2174)	
1025006	1572	140-249	163-75	191-197	230-238	1-124	26-34	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2174)	
1025006	1573	140-249	163-75	191-197	230-238	1-124	26-34	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2174)	
107010	1574	141-250	164-74	190-196	229-239	1-125	26-34	49-65	99-114	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2174)	
1030A10	1575	140-252	163-76	192-198	231-241	1-126	26-34	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2174)	
1064004	1576	147-257	169-182	198-204	237-246	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	DGRSLYDILITGVYARDYGMDD (SEQ ID NO. 2188)	
1064007	1577	134-241	157-167	183-189	222-230	1-118	26-35	50-66	99-107	SGSLITGVDF (SEQ ID NO. 2178)	
1065004	1578	144-251	166-179	198-201	232-243	1-128	26-36	51-66	99-117	GRGYDILITGVYKMDYDF (SEQ ID NO. 2181)	
1065004	1579	144-251	166-179	198-201	232-243	1-128	26-36	51-66	99-117	GRGYDILITGVYKMDYDF (SEQ ID NO. 2181)	
1065008	1580	135-242	158-182	184-190	233-231	1-119	26-35	50-66	99-108	KRSAGYDFY (SEQ ID NO. 2190)	
1067005	1581	140-250	162-75	192-197	230-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	ENYDILITGVGADFV (SEQ ID NO. 2185)	
1068004	1582	133-244	156-168	184-190	223-233	1-117	26-35	50-66	99-106	DQGRYLDL (SEQ ID NO. 2175)	
1068008	1583	140-252	163-75	191-197	231-241	1-124	26-34	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2186)	
1068008	1584	144-254	165-178	194-200	235-243	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	KGNRPNRSHRYTMDA (SEQ ID NO. 2182)	
1069007	1585	141-251	163-76	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	MEYDILITGVGVDFY (SEQ ID NO. 2179)	
1071003	1587	141-251	163-76	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLITGVSDGEDV (SEQ ID NO. 2153)	
1072009	1588	141-248	162-72	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLITGVSDGEDV (SEQ ID NO. 2153)	
1073004	1589	136-246	158-71	187-193	226-235	1-120	26-35	50-66	99-109	SLATPLIGMDY (SEQ ID NO. 2184)	
1074012	1590	146-252	164-76	192-198	231-241	1-124	26-34	49-65	98-113	ELGSLNGATGALDM (SEQ ID NO. 2174)	
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1075001	1592	140-251	164-74	190-196	229-240	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	DRHETITGVRLDL (SEQ ID NO. 2187)	
1078002	1593	140-250	162-75	191-197	230-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	VYDILITGVNLFDY (SEQ ID NO. 2177)	

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Clone ID	seqF SEQ ID	AAs of VL	AAs of VL CDR1	AAs of VL CDR2	seqF that Immunospecifically Bind to B125				AAs of VH CDR3	VH CDR3 Sequence (SEQ ID NO)	AAs of VH CDR3
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1064008	1584	144-251	165-175	191-197	230-239	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	PAQSYVTLTGKGVSAEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2183)	99-117
1064009	1585	140-250	162-174	191-197	230-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	YYDYLTLNLSHDI (SEQ ID NO: 2177)	99-113
1064010	1586	150-257	167-179	195-203	234-244	1-124	26-37	52-67	99-123	GFSTVYDLTGYYTPYYYYMDY (SEQ ID NO: 2174)	99-123
1064013	1597	145-255	167-179	195-203	234-244	1-124	26-37	52-67	100-118	HYRVDILTGYYRGHVDY (SEQ ID NO: 2167)	100-118
1064015	1598	140-250	160-173	190-196	229-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	IRGVYAVAGDSHDI (SEQ ID NO: 2185)	99-113
1064011	1599	138-248	160-173	189-195	228-237	1-122	26-35	50-66	99-111	DKGGLLSFSES (SEQ ID NO: 3033)	99-111
1064012	1600	146-256	168-178	192-198	231-240	1-130	26-35	50-66	99-119	RYVYDLTGKQVYVYVYMDY (SEQ ID NO: 3068)	99-119
1064016	1605	140-250	162-174	191-197	230-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	RYVYDLTGKQVYVYVYMDY (SEQ ID NO: 3068)	99-113
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1064012	1603	148-255	171-181	197-203	236-244	1-132	26-37	52-69	102-121	ESGRVDILGYSGGCGMDY (SEQ ID NO: 3072)	102-121
1064013	1604	146-256	168-181	197-203	236-245	1-130	26-35	50-66	99-119	DGAVYDLGYYTITTYGMDY (SEQ ID NO: 3072)	99-119
1064004	1605	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	RSYDILGYYTGYMDY (SEQ ID NO: 3090)	99-114
1064005	1606	141-251	168-179	192-198	231-240	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-114	ESYDILGYYTGYMDY (SEQ ID NO: 3072)	99-114
1064006	1607	146-256	168-180	196-202	235-245	1-138	26-37	52-69	100-119	KRGVYDLGYSVYVAFH (SEQ ID NO: 2808)	100-119
1064006	1608	145-255	167-180	196-202	235-244	1-129	26-35	50-66	99-118	ERGVYDLGYSVYVAFH (SEQ ID NO: 4053)	99-118
1064007	1609	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSFGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	99-114
1064009	1610	147-257	169-181	197-203	236-246	1-131	26-35	50-66	99-120	DTLGYDLTGYPYVYVYMDY (SEQ ID NO: 2988)	99-120
1064011	1611	145-253	165-177	193-199	232-242	1-127	22-31	46-62	98-115	DTLGYDLTGYPYVYVYMDY (SEQ ID NO: 2988)	98-115
1064011	1612	142-252	164-177	191-199	230-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	98-115	SHYVYDLTGYNLATH (SEQ ID NO: 3031)	98-115
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1064004	1614	133-243	155-167	183-189	222-232	1-117	26-35	50-66	99-106	DNSGTGY (SEQ ID NO: 1084)	99-106
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1064010	1616	140-250	162-175	191-197	230-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	SPNGDYSVWGLEI (SEQ ID NO: 3085)	99-113
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1064006	1621	140-256	170-180	196-202	235-245	1-133	26-35	50-66	99-122	DGKASVYDLTGYPVYVAFH (SEQ ID NO: 2969)	99-122
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1065A04	1623	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSFGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	99-114
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1065A06	1625	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSFGEDI (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	99-114
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1065D01	1638	139-246	160-170	186-192	225-235	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	EPQLLARGHAWY (SEQ ID NO: 3027)	99-112
1065E05	1639	137-244	158-168	184-190	223-233	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	AGSSLATYGTGDY (SEQ ID NO: 2773)	99-110

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1666	133-244	136-169	136-169	185-191	224-233	1-117	26-35	50-66	50-66	98-106	DWGHWDFP (SEQ ID NO: 2982)						1666
1687	137-217	159-172	159-172	188-194	227-236	1-125	26-35	50-66	50-66	98-110	MYTDTDTG (SEQ ID NO: 2985)						1687
1688	137-217	159-172	159-172	188-194	227-236	1-125	26-35	50-66	50-66	98-110	MYTDTDTG (SEQ ID NO: 2985)						1688
1689	137-217	159-172	159-172	188-194	227-236	1-125	26-35	50-66	50-66	98-110	AGSSLTGYGVD (SEQ ID NO: 2993)						1689
1690	143-246	164-171	164-171	187-193	226-235	1-126	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-115	GYSTVYTGSGGAFDY (SEQ ID NO: 3024)						1690
1691	136-246	138-171	138-171	187-193	226-235	1-120	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-109	GSRWVGVDT (SEQ ID NO: 3020)						1691
1692	137-244	138-168	138-168	184-190	223-243	1-121	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-110	AGSSLTGYGVD (SEQ ID NO: 2773)						1692
1693	146-256	168-180	168-180	196-202	233-245	1-130	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-119	ECSSSSPAQPVYGYGYMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2993)						1693
1694	146-256	168-180	168-180	196-202	233-245	1-130	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-119	ECSSSSPAQPVYGYGYMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2993)						1694
1695	142-257	164-176	164-176	193-199	232-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-115	GVNYDTLVGVD (SEQ ID NO: 3002)						1695
1696	137-247	159-172	159-172	188-194	227-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-110	QGGVDTSPRLDV (SEQ ID NO: 3002)						1696
1697	137-247	159-172	159-172	188-194	227-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-110	AGSSLTGYGVD (SEQ ID NO: 2773)						1697
1698	142-252	164-176	164-176	192-198	231-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-115	GVNYDTLVGYPVGMV (SEQ ID NO: 3060)						1698
1699	144-254	166-179	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-117	DYNYDTLVGYPVGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2996)						1699
1700	141-248	164-174	164-174	190-196	229-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-114	QYDVLITGYSQPRDV (SEQ ID NO: 3022)						1700
1701	139-246	160-170	160-170	186-192	228-233	1-123	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-112	FGAAYLVNQGVH (SEQ ID NO: 3087)						1701
1702	139-246	160-170	160-170	186-192	228-233	1-123	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-112	FGAAYLVNQGVH (SEQ ID NO: 3087)						1702
1703	140-247	161-171	161-171	187-193	226-236	1-124	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-113	LYDVLITGYSRSDY (SEQ ID NO: 3029)						1703
1704	137-247	159-172	159-172	188-194	227-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-110	AGSSLTGYGVD (SEQ ID NO: 3016)						1704
1705	140-248	161-171	161-171	187-193	226-237	1-124	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-113	AGSSLTGYGVD (SEQ ID NO: 2772)						1705
1706	141-251	163-176	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-114	ATYDVLITGYSQPRDV (SEQ ID NO: 2913)						1706
1707	137-247	159-171	159-171	187-193	226-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	50-66	99-110	AGSSLTGYGVD (SEQ ID NO: 2773)						1707
1708	141-251	163-176	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125											

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0707009	1734	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	MEYDLTGYYGGVHDY (SEQ ID NO: 2179)	
0708001	1735	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	QSQSDILIGYVYGGVMDY (SEQ ID NO: 3038)	
0708005	1736	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	MEYDLTGYYGGVHDY (SEQ ID NO: 2179)	
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0710004	1738	140-246	163-176	192-198	229-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	QSQSDILIGYVYGGVMDY (SEQ ID NO: 3038)	
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0706010	1741	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	MEYDLTGYYGGVHDY (SEQ ID NO: 2179)	
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0711G09	1747	141-251	163-176	192-198	229-238	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDEGHDY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
0721A01	1748	139-249	161-174	190-196	229-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SRDILLIPLHYGMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2133)	
0721A09	1749	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDEGHDY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
0722B02	1750	137-247	157-170	186-192	227-234	1-119	26-35	50-66	99-108	GMGDHYGMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2161)	
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0722B01	1752	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDEGHDY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
0722B12	1753	140-249	162-173	189-195	228-238	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	ENYDPLTGYYGAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 2995)	
0722C05	1754	133-245	157-169	185-191	224-234	1-119	26-35	50-66	99-108	GMGDHYGMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2161)	
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0722B01	1756	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDEGHDY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
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0722B01	1758	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDEGHDY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
0722B04	1759	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	EGSDILIGYVYGGVMDY (SEQ ID NO: 2171)	
0722B05	1760	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDEGHDY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
0722B06	1761	133-242	156-166	182-188	221-231	1-119	26-35	50-66	99-108	GMGDHYGMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2161)	
0722B03	1762	133-242	156-166	182-188	221-231	1-119	26-35	50-66	99-108	GMGDHYGMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2161)	
0722B03	1763	133-242	156-166	182-188	221-231	1-119	26-35	50-66	99-108	GMGDHYGMDV (SEQ ID NO: 2161)	
0722B11	1764	140-247	161-171	187-193	226-236	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	DEYDLTLGLQGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2880)	
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0722G04	1766	137-247	159-171	187-193	226-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	101-110	RDLTGYS (SEQ ID NO: 2933)	
0722G05	1767	137-247	159-171	187-193	226-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	GYRNDWYGAFFI (SEQ ID NO: 3079)	
0722G09	1768	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDEGHDY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
0722G10	1769	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDEGHDY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
0722B07	1770	137-247	159-172	188-194	227-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	AGTSLANNYGVHDY (SEQ ID NO: 3048)	
0730A02	1771	141-248	164-174	190-196	229-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	GPYDLIGYVYGAFFI (SEQ ID NO: 2998)	
0730A03	1772	142-252	170-183	193-199	232-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	HYDILIGYVYGAFFI (SEQ ID NO: 3019)	
0730A04	1773	148-258	170-183	199-205	238-247	1-132	26-35	50-66	99-121	VOMDSEYDLTGIVGVYGYHDY (SEQ ID NO: 3132)	
0730A05	1774	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDEGHDY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
0730A06	1775	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDEGHDY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
0730A07	1776	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLTGYSDEGHDY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)	
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0707311	1778	141-248	164-174	190-196	229-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	SYVDILGYTHGDMV (SEQ ID NO: 3004)
0707302	1779	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	DAWYDILGYLDADTH (SEQ ID NO: 2999)
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0707306	1781	139-246	160-173	186-192	225-235	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SRDILLPHVGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2133)
0707307	1782	138-248	160-173	189-195	228-237	1-122	26-35	50-66	99-111	TRMDVLYRSE (SEQ ID NO: 2759)
0707308	1783	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
0707311	1784	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
0707301	1785	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	GVYDILGYSNNVDF (SEQ ID NO: 3006)
0707302	1786	148-255	169-179	195-201	234-244	1-132	26-35	50-66	99-121	AQMDSYDILGIVCPYDTH (SEQ ID NO: 3076)
0707304	1787	141-252	164-177	193-199	232-241	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
0707307	1788	134-241	155-165	181-187	220-230	1-118	26-35	50-66	99-107	GMGDHYMVD (SEQ ID NO: 3068)
0707308	1789	142-252	164-177	193-199	232-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	EMGYDILGYLYMVD (SEQ ID NO: 2862)
0707309	1790	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	QWYDILGYSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 3022)
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0707306	1795	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
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0707302	1799	148-258	170-183	199-205	238-247	1-132	26-37	52-69	102-121	EGAWDILGHTVHYGMVD (SEQ ID NO: 2747)
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0707308	1802	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	QWYDILGYSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 3022)
0707309	1803	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	QWYDILGYSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 3022)
0707308	1804	140-250	162-175	191-197	230-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	ENYDILGYSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2773)
0707301	1805	141-251	163-175	191-197	230-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
0707302	1806	141-251	163-175	191-197	230-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
0707303	1807	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
0707305	1808	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
0707306	1809	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
0707309	1810	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
0707311	1811	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
0707312	1812	141-251	163-175	191-197	230-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
0707303	1813	143-253	165-178	194-200	233-242	1-127	26-35	50-66	99-116	DGSDYDILGYLYMVD (SEQ ID NO: 2154)
0707304	1814	143-253	165-178	194-200	233-242	1-127	26-35	50-66	99-116	DGSDYDILGYLYMVD (SEQ ID NO: 2154)
0707305	1815	143-253	165-178	194-200	233-242	1-127	26-35	50-66	99-116	DGSDYDILGYLYMVD (SEQ ID NO: 2154)
0707306	1816	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
0707307	1817	142-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	GSYDILGSSIGMVD (SEQ ID NO: 3063)
0707308	1818	139-246	160-170	186-192	225-235	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SRDILLPHVGMVD (SEQ ID NO: 2133)
0707309	1819	145-255	167-180	196-202	235-244	1-129	26-35	50-66	99-118	DGSDYDILGYLYMVD (SEQ ID NO: 3061)
0707310	1820	135-245	157-170	186-192	225-234	1-119	26-35	50-66	99-108	GMGDHYMVD (SEQ ID NO: 2749)
0707311	1821	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
0707312	1822	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
0707303	1823	141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDPLGVSDGDM (SEQ ID NO: 2153)

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077011	1871		141-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	MEYDILGYGGGHY (SEQ ID NO: 2179)	99-114
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077013	1876		142-252	164-177	193-199	232-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	EMGYDILGYLYAMV (SEQ ID NO: 2062)	99-115
077014	1877		141-248	162-174	190-196	229-237	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-114	MEYDILGYGGGHY (SEQ ID NO: 2179)	99-114
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077016	1878		141-241	161-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	MEYDILGYGGGHY (SEQ ID NO: 2179)	99-114
077016	1879		141-241	161-176	192-198	229-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	MEYDILGYGGGHY (SEQ ID NO: 2179)	99-114
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084A01	1906		130-240	152-164	180-186	219-229	1-114	26-35	50-66	99-103	DTIDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)	99-103
084G04	1907		131-238	152-162	178-184	217-227	1-115	25-34	49-65	98-104	NWALDY (SEQ ID NO: 2199)	98-104
084G04	1908		134-244	156-168	184-190	223-232	1-118	26-35	50-66	99-107	GNWAGADH (SEQ ID NO: 2211)	99-107
079A01	1909		134-243	156-168	185-191	224-233	1-118	26-35	50-66	99-107	GNWAGADH (SEQ ID NO: 2211)	99-107
079A01	1910		134-244	156-169	185-191	224-233	1-118	26-35	50-66	99-107	GNWAGADH (SEQ ID NO: 2211)	99-107
079A04	1911		134-241	155-165	181-187	220-230	1-118	26-35	50-66	99-107	YHSSGADH (SEQ ID NO: 2205)	99-107
079A04	1912		134-241	155-165	181-187	220-230	1-118	26-35	50-66	99-107	YHSSGADH (SEQ ID NO: 2205)	99-107
079A07	1913		136-246	158-170	186-192	225-235	1-120	26-35	50-66	99-109	GSNSPDAH (SEQ ID NO: 2212)	99-109
079A10	1914		148-255	169-179	195-201	234-244	1-132	26-35	50-68	101-121	LPDLRYCDGGGCGHWLGR (SEQ ID NO: 3163)	101-121

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0709A11	1915	135-242	158-168	184-190	223-231	1-119	26-35	50-66	GSNYYYMAV (SEQ ID NO: 3114)
	1916	134-243	156-170	184-190	223-232	1-118	26-35	50-66	EGVAGAEV (SEQ ID NO: 3123)
	1917	136-246	158-170	186-192	225-235	1-120	26-35	50-66	GSNSDPAFDI (SEQ ID NO: 3112)
	1918	138-245	152-165	184-190	220-229	1-114	26-35	50-66	LLSDY (SEQ ID NO: 3168)
	1919	138-245	159-169	185-191	224-234	1-122	26-35	50-66	DELSGTSRVEDY (SEQ ID NO: 3193)
0709B09	1920	139-246	162-172	188-194	227-235	1-123	26-35	50-66	VEWEDIVVGSARDI (SEQ ID NO: 3128)
	1921	144-251	167-177	193-199	232-240	1-128	26-35	50-66	SNSTSGSGVYGVAD (SEQ ID NO: 3145)
	1922	132-239	155-165	181-187	220-228	1-114	26-35	50-66	AGVPSGSLVYEDY (SEQ ID NO: 3225)
	1923	140-247	160-173	189-195	228-236	1-124	26-35	50-66	AGVPSGSLVYEDY (SEQ ID NO: 3225)
	1924	137-244	158-168	184-190	223-233	1-121	26-35	50-66	GLDVYVLLTSTYLAFLIN (SEQ ID NO: 3176)
0709C07	1925	141-244	159-169	185-191	224-234	1-121	26-35	50-66	EVNRYVLLTSTYLAFLIN (SEQ ID NO: 2751)
	1926	135-245	157-169	185-191	224-234	1-119	26-35	50-66	EGWEGARDI (SEQ ID NO: 3178)
	1927	133-243	155-167	183-189	222-232	1-117	26-35	50-66	VEPGLADY (SEQ ID NO: 3123)
	1928	137-247	159-171	187-193	226-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	EATSSWAEED (SEQ ID NO: 3196)
	1929	136-243	157-167	183-189	222-232	1-110	26-35	50-66	NIPLAVGEF (SEQ ID NO: 3140)
0709D08	1930	130-240	152-165	181-187	220-229	1-114	26-35	50-66	LIIEF (SEQ ID NO: 3161)
	1931	131-238	152-162	181-187	220-229	1-114	26-35	50-66	LIIEF (SEQ ID NO: 3161)
	1932	134-241	157-167	183-189	222-230	1-118	26-35	50-66	EGVAGAEV (SEQ ID NO: 3123)
	1933	136-244	158-168	184-190	223-233	1-120	26-35	50-66	PKGSGKED (SEQ ID NO: 3093)
	1934	137-247	159-171	187-193	226-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	EAVASSVAED (SEQ ID NO: 3189)
0709E06	1935	136-243	159-169	185-191	224-232	1-120	26-35	50-66	ADYDSSGSGVYGVAD (SEQ ID NO: 3185)
	1936	143-253	165-177	193-199	232-242	1-127	26-35	50-66	PGYSGVYGVAD (SEQ ID NO: 3107)
	1937	133-241	154-164	180-186	219-230	1-117	26-35	50-66	GHFYGVADY (SEQ ID NO: 3098)
	1938	148-253	169-179	187-193	234-242	1-132	26-35	50-66	LPDLYRGDGGAGSGFDWGLP (SEQ ID NO: 3219)
	1939	140-247	161-171	181-183	225-236	1-124	26-35	50-66	ISLTHESGCS (SEQ ID NO: 3115)
0709F04	1940	136-243	157-167	183-189	222-232	1-120	26-35	50-66	ADYDSSGSGVYGVAD (SEQ ID NO: 3099)
	1941	130-237	151-161	177-183	216-226	1-114	26-35	50-66	RYDYD (SEQ ID NO: 3139)
	1942	136-243	157-167	183-189	222-232	1-120	26-35	50-66	NIPLAVGEF (SEQ ID NO: 3146)
	1943	136-243	159-169	185-191	224-232	1-120	26-35	50-66	ADYDSSGSGVYGVAD (SEQ ID NO: 3166)
	1944	136-243	157-167	183-189	222-232	1-120	26-35	50-66	NIPLAVGEF (SEQ ID NO: 3146)
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	1947	136-243	157-167	183-189	222-232	1-120	26-35	50-66	ADYDSSGSGVYGVAD (SEQ ID NO: 3146)
	1948	136-243	157-167	183-189	222-232	1-120	26-35	50-66	ADYDSSGSGVYGVAD (SEQ ID NO: 3146)
	1949	136-243	157-167	183-189	222-232	1-120	26-35	50-66	ADYDSSGSGVYGVAD (SEQ ID NO: 3146)
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	1951	141-253	164-177	193-199	232-242	1-125	26-35	50-66	EGGCGVNAVYGVADY (SEQ ID NO: 3160)
	1952	136-243	159-169	185-189	222-232	1-120	26-35	50-66	ADYDSSGSGVYGVAD (SEQ ID NO: 3188)
	1953	133-247	158-171	187-193	226-236	1-119	26-35	50-66	TGWGVYD (SEQ ID NO: 3175)
	1954	141-252	164-176	192-198	231-241	1-125	26-35	50-66	GRNNTSSWLDY (SEQ ID NO: 3140)
0709H08	1955	138-248	160-173	188-194	227-237	1-122	26-35	50-66	GVNNGREARDI (SEQ ID NO: 3066)
	1956	138-249	160-173	189-195	228-238	1-122	26-35	50-66	GVNNGREARDI (SEQ ID NO: 3066)
	1957	137-249	160-173	189-195	228-238	1-121	26-35	50-66	GVNNGREARDI (SEQ ID NO: 3066)
	1958	137-249	160-173	189-195	228-238	1-121	26-35	50-66	GVNNGREARDI (SEQ ID NO: 3066)
	1959	133-243	157-167	183-189	222-232	1-117	26-35	50-66	GRFHYD (SEQ ID NO: 3141)
0709H08	1960	136-248	159-172	188-194	227-237	1-120	26-37	52-67	KQRREKVEDY (SEQ ID NO: 3100)

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108B010	1062	136-249	165-178	185-194	232-243	1-127	26-37	50-67	100-111	100-111	100-111	PAKLSVWFL (SEQ ID NO: 3162)
108B011	1063	137-248	160-172	185-194	227-237	1-121	26-35	50-68	100-110	100-110	100-110	LHCTGSCGF (SEQ ID NO: 3186)
108B012	1064	139-253	160-172	188-194	234-242	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	99-112	99-112	NPVYDSSGEGHY (SEQ ID NO: 3109)
108B013	1065	138-248	160-172	188-194	227-237	1-122	26-35	50-66	99-111	99-111	99-111	SGRYATYYGMGV (SEQ ID NO: 3091)
108B014	1066	144-254	160-178	184-200	231-243	1-128	26-36	51-66	99-117	99-117	99-117	DYDQSSSYGGYYMDV (SEQ ID NO: 3227)
108B015	1067	137-248	160-172	188-194	227-237	1-122	26-35	50-66	99-110	99-110	99-110	DSKATVYKAGGHTFH (SEQ ID NO: 3115)
108B016	1068	137-248	160-172	188-194	227-237	1-122	26-35	50-66	99-110	99-110	99-110	ERKSYVWVSTG (SEQ ID NO: 3115)
108B017	1069	131-243	154-167	183-189	222-232	1-115	26-35	50-66	99-104	99-104	99-104	DTPLDP (SEQ ID NO: 3094)
108B018	1070	137-249	160-173	189-195	228-238	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	99-110	99-110	EGDPTNDADTV (SEQ ID NO: 3155)
108B019	1071	137-249	160-173	189-195	228-238	1-122	26-35	50-66	99-111	99-111	99-111	DQPTVAPVYLDH (SEQ ID NO: 3153)
108B020	1072	136-245	161-171	187-193	226-234	1-120	26-35	50-66	99-109	99-109	99-109	DKTKYDWGFDY (SEQ ID NO: 3220)
108B021	1073	137-248	160-172	188-194	227-237	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-114	99-114	99-114	TSKSCVGVVYD (SEQ ID NO: 3212)
108B022	1074	136-248	160-172	188-194	227-237	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	99-110	99-110	SGRYATYYGMGV (SEQ ID NO: 3091)
108B023	1075	136-246	160-170	186-192	225-235	1-120	26-35	50-66	99-109	99-109	99-109	EFEGVYVLDY (SEQ ID NO: 3165)
108B024	1076	137-248	160-172	188-194	227-237	1-121	26-35	50-66	101-110	101-110	101-110	LHCTGSCGF (SEQ ID NO: 3186)
108B025	1077	138-250	161-174	190-196	229-239	1-122	26-35	50-66	99-111	99-111	99-111	VDDTYEMAGFEI (SEQ ID NO: 3187)
108B026	1078	135-247	158-171	187-193	226-236	1-119	26-35	50-66	99-108	99-108	99-108	YNGDYVTEY (SEQ ID NO: 3190)
108B027	1079	135-245	159-169	187-193	225-235	1-119	26-35	50-68	101-108	101-108	101-108	SSKSGG (SEQ ID NO: 3144)
108B028	1080	136-248	160-172	188-194	227-237	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	99-110	99-110	SSKSGG (SEQ ID NO: 3164)
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108B031	1083	142-254	165-178	194-200	233-242	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	99-115	99-115	EGSNVGAITINDAFH (SEQ ID NO: 3150)
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108B035	1087	145-253	165-177	193-199	233-242	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-115	99-115	99-115	ESGTLGHSLSLPDY (SEQ ID NO: 3203)
108B036	1088	138-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-122	26-35	50-66	99-111	99-111	99-111	LRGVTSSWLDY (SEQ ID NO: 3181)
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108B038	1090	140-250	164-174	190-196	229-239	1-124	26-36	51-66	99-113	99-113	99-113	GRGYSSSSVYGMDF (SEQ ID NO: 3095)
108B039	1091	131-244	156-171	183-189	222-232	1-115	26-35	50-66	99-104	99-104	99-104	SKSSAS (SEQ ID NO: 3216)
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108B041	1093	136-247	159-171	187-193	226-236	1-120	26-37	52-67	100-109	100-109	100-109	HDVYGMFDY (SEQ ID NO: 3306)
108B042	1094	140-252	164-176	192-198	231-241	1-124	26-37	52-67	100-113	100-113	100-113	LRPDADYGYGFDY (SEQ ID NO: 3218)
108B043	1095	139-248	160-172	188-194	227-237	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	99-112	99-112	TSERGTYQWDFDN (SEQ ID NO: 3204)
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108B045	1097	137-249	160-173	189-195	228-238	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	99-110	99-110	GRKSYGWYVDI (SEQ ID NO: 3130)
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108B047	1099	137-249	160-173	189-195	228-238	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	99-110	99-110	GRKSYGWYVDI (SEQ ID NO: 3217)
108B048	2000	137-248	160-172	188-194	227-237	1-121	26-35	50-68	101-110	101-110	101-110	LHCTGSCGF (SEQ ID NO: 3186)
108B049	2001	138-251	162-175	191-197	230-240	1-122	26-35	50-66	99-111	99-111	99-111	RRGGRGDVAFD (SEQ ID NO: 3148)
108B050	2002	138-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-36	51-66	99-112	99-112	99-112	RTPDHNGSGEPFDY (SEQ ID NO: 3215)
108B051	2003	130-237	153-163	179-185	218-226	1-114	26-35	50-66	99-103	99-103	99-103	DTTIDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)
108B052	2004	130-237	153-163	179-185	218-226	1-114	26-35	50-66	99-103	99-103	99-103	DTTIDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)
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108B054	2006	130-237	153-163	179-185	218-226	1-114	26-35	50-66	99-103	99-103	99-103	DTTIDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)

seFs that Immunospecifically Bind to BLyS

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TABLE 1-continued

acv#	SEQ ID	Tone ID	acvs that Immunospecifically Bind to H1N5									
			AA# of VL	AA# of VL CDR2	VL CDR3	AA# of VH	AA# of VH CDR2	AA# of VH CDR3	AA# of VH CDR2	AA# of VH CDR3	VH CDR3 Sequence (SEQ ID NO)	
2099	130-242	0083G09	134-166	182-188	221-231	1-14	36-35	50-66	99-103	DPFDY (SEQ ID NO: 3134)		
2100	140-252	0083G11	163-176	195-198	231-241	1-24	36-35	50-66	99-113	ALLGSPSPYDY (SEQ ID NO: 3159)		
2101	130-242	0083H05	157-167	183-189	222-232	1-17	36-35	50-66	99-113	DTGGYDGGY (SEQ ID NO: 3160)		
2102	133-243	0083H05	157-167	183-189	222-232	1-17	36-35	50-66	99-106	DYGGDGGY (SEQ ID NO: 3092)		
2103	137-247	0083H07	161-171	187-193	226-236	1-121	36-35	50-66	99-110	GVGVDSRGVDP (SEQ ID NO: 3162)		
2104	130-237	0084A03	153-163	179-185	218-226	1-14	36-35	50-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)		
2105	130-240	0084A08	152-164	180-186	219-229	1-14	36-35	50-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)		
2106	135-245	0084A08	152-166	180-186	219-229	1-14	36-35	50-66	99-108	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)		
2107	135-245	0084A08	157-166	183-189	223-233	1-20	36-35	50-66	99-103	SPHSDGATDY (SEQ ID NO: 3120)		
2108	130-240	0084D03	152-164	180-186	219-229	1-14	36-35	50-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)		
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2112	130-237	0084E06	153-163	179-185	218-226	1-14	36-35	50-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)		
2113	130-240	0084E10	152-164	180-186	219-229	1-14	36-35	50-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)		
2114	130-237	0084F04	153-163	179-185	218-226	1-14	36-35	50-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)		
2115	130-237	0084F07	153-163	179-185	218-226	1-14	36-35	50-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)		
2116	135-245	0084F12	157-170	186-192	235-234	1-19	36-35	50-66	99-108	ESLGDGATDY (SEQ ID NO: 3116)		
2117	130-240	0084G12	152-164	180-186	219-229	1-14	36-35	50-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)		
2118	130-240	0084G12	152-164	180-186	219-229	1-14	36-35	50-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)		
2119	145-256	0084H05	168-180	196-202	235-245	1-29	36-35	50-66	99-118	GAHYDYSKLSKYSWTEL (SEQ ID NO: 3149)		
2120	138-249	00909G09	161-173	189-195	228-238	1-22	36-35	50-66	99-111	VGVKAATSNFY (SEQ ID NO: 3197)		
2121	138-248	00909G09	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-22	36-35	50-66	99-111	LGKNTSSWSDY (SEQ ID NO: 3181)		
2122	138-249	00909H06	161-173	189-195	228-238	1-22	36-35	50-66	99-111	GVKAAATSNFY (SEQ ID NO: 3197)		
2123	144-255	00909H06	167-179	195-201	234-244	1-28	36-35	50-66	99-117	GRGQYDYGGVGVDH (SEQ ID NO: 3226)		
2124	140-251	00909H06	163-173	191-197	227-237	1-24	36-35	50-66	99-113	VRQQAAPRSTP (SEQ ID NO: 3144)		
2125	140-251	1000A10	163-175	191-197	227-237	1-24	36-35	50-66	99-113	VRQQAAPRSTP (SEQ ID NO: 3144)		
2126	136-247	0080B03	159-172	188-194	227-236	1-20	36-35	50-66	99-109	DNAGGEGHEDY (SEQ ID NO: 2195)		
2127	136-247	0080B03	159-172	188-194	227-236	1-20	36-35	50-66	99-109	DNAGGEGHEDY (SEQ ID NO: 2195)		
2128	136-247	0080B04	159-172	188-194	227-236	1-20	36-35	50-66	99-113	VRQQAAPRSTP (SEQ ID NO: 3144)		

SEQUENCE LISTING

The patent contains a lengthy "Sequence Listing" section. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" is available in electronic form from the USPTO web site (<http://seqdata.uspto.gov/?pageRequest=docDetail&DocID=US07138501B2>). An electronic copy of the "Sequence Listing" will also be available from the USPTO upon request and payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.19(b)(3).

What is claimed is:

1. An isolated antibody that immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator protein wherein said antibody comprises a first amino acid sequence at least 85% identical to amino acid residues 1–123 of SEQ ID NO:327 and a second amino acid sequence at least 85% identical to amino acid residues 141–249 of SEQ ID NO:327 and wherein said B Lymphocyte Stimulator protein is selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a protein whose amino acid sequence consists of amino acid residues 1–285 of SEQ ID NO:3228;
- (b) a protein whose amino acid sequence consists of amino acid residues 134–285 of SEQ ID NO:3228; and
- (c) a trimer of the protein of (b).

2. The antibody of claim 1 wherein the first amino acid sequence is at least 95% identical to amino acid residues 1–123 of SEQ ID NO:327 and the second amino acid sequence is at least 95% identical to amino acid residues 141–249 of SEQ ID NO:327.

3. The antibody of claim 1 wherein the amino acid differences between the first amino acid sequence and amino acid residues 1–123 of SEQ ID NO:327 are in one or more of the CDR regions located at amino acid residues 26–35, 50–66 and 99–112 of SEQ ID NO: 327 and wherein the amino acid differences between the second amino acid sequence and amino acid residues 141–249 of SEQ ID NO: 327 are in one or more of the CDR regions located at amino acid residues 163–173, 189–195 and 228–238 of SEQ ID NO: 327.

4. An isolated antibody that immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator protein wherein said antibody comprises amino acid residues 1–123 of SEQ ID NO: 327 and amino acid residues 141–249 of SEQ ID NO: 327 and wherein said B Lymphocyte Stimulator protein is selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a protein whose amino acid sequence consists of amino acid residues 1–285 of SEQ ID NO:3228;
- (b) a protein whose amino acid sequence consists of amino acid residues 134–285 of SEQ ID NO:3228; and
- (c) a trimer of the protein of (b).

5. The antibody of claim 1 wherein the antibody is selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a whole immunoglobulin molecule;
- (b) an scFv;
- (c) a chimeric antibody;
- (d) a Fab fragment;
- (e) an Fab' fragment; and
- (f) an F(ab')₂.

6. The antibody of claim 1 wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

7. The antibody of claim 1 wherein the antibody is a human antibody.

8. The antibody of claim 1 which comprises a heavy chain immunoglobulin constant domain selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a human IgM constant domain;
- (b) a human IgG1 constant domain;
- (c) a human IgG2 constant domain;
- (d) a human IgG3 constant domain;
- (e) a human IgG4 constant domain; and
- (f) a human IgA constant domain.

9. The antibody of claim 1 which comprises a light chain immunoglobulin constant domain selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a human kappa constant domain; and
- (b) a human lambda constant domain.

10. The antibody of claim 1 wherein the antibody has a dissociation constant (K_D) less than or equal to 10^{-9} M.

11. The antibody of claim 1 wherein the antibody is coupled to a detectable label.

12. The antibody of claim 11 wherein the detectable label is a radioisotope, an enzyme, a fluorescent label, a luminescent label, bioluminescent label or biotin.

13. The antibody of claim 12 wherein the radioisotope is ¹²⁵I, ¹³¹I, ¹¹¹In, ⁹⁰Y, ^{90m}Tc, ¹⁷⁷Lu, ¹⁶⁶Ho, or ¹⁵³Sm.

14. The antibody of claim 1 wherein the antibody neutralizes said protein.

15. The antibody of claim 14 wherein the antibody diminishes the ability of said protein to bind to a receptor of said protein.

16. The antibody of claim 15 wherein the receptor is TACI.

17. The antibody of claim 15 wherein the receptor is BCMA.

18. The antibody of claim 14 wherein the antibody diminishes the ability of said protein to stimulate B cell proliferation.

19. The antibody of claim 14 wherein the antibody diminishes the ability of said protein to stimulate immunoglobulin secretion by B cells.

20. The antibody of claim 4 wherein the antibody is selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a whole immunoglobulin molecule;
- (b) an scFv;
- (c) a chimeric antibody;
- (d) a Fab fragment;
- (e) an Fab' fragment; and
- (f) an F(ab')₂.

21. The antibody of claim 4 wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

22. The antibody of claim 4 wherein the antibody is a human antibody.

23. The antibody of claim 4 which comprises a heavy chain immunoglobulin constant domain selected from the group consisting of:

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- (a) a human IgM constant domain;
- (b) a human IgG1 constant domain;
- (c) a human IgG2 constant domain;
- (d) a human IgG3 constant domain;
- (e) a human IgG4 constant domain; and
- (f) a human IgA constant domain.

24. The antibody of claim 4 which comprises a light chain immunoglobulin constant domain selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a human kappa constant domain; and
- (b) a human lambda constant domain.

25. The antibody of claim 4 wherein the antibody is coupled to a detectable label.

26. The antibody of claim 25 wherein the detectable label is a radioisotope, an enzyme, a fluorescent label, a luminescent label, bioluminescent label or biotin.

27. The antibody of claim 26 wherein the radioisotope is ¹²⁵I, ¹³¹I, ¹¹¹In, ⁹⁰Y, ^{99m}Tc, ¹⁷⁷Lu, ¹⁶⁶Ho, or ¹⁵³Sm.

28. An antibody purified from the cell line contained in American Type Culture Collection Deposit Number PTA-3239.

29. An antibody purified from the cell line contained in American Type Culture Collection Deposit Number PTA-3240.

30. The antibody of claim 4 which comprises a human IgG1 heavy chain immunoglobulin constant domain and a human lambda light chain immunoglobulin constant domain.

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31. The antibody of claim 4 wherein the antibody neutralizes said protein.

32. The antibody of claim 31 wherein the antibody diminishes the ability of said protein to bind to a receptor of said protein.

33. The antibody of claim 32 wherein the receptor is TACI.

34. The antibody of claim 32 wherein the receptor is BCMA.

35. The antibody of claim 31 wherein the antibody diminishes the ability of said protein to stimulate B cell proliferation.

36. The antibody of claim 31 wherein the antibody diminishes the ability of said protein to stimulate immunoglobulin secretion by B cells.

37. An isolated antibody that immunospecifically binds B Lymphocyte Stimulator protein wherein said antibody comprises amino acid residues 1-123 of SEQ ID NO:2 and amino acid residues 141-249 of SEQ ID NO:2 and wherein said B Lymphocyte Stimulator protein is selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a protein whose amino acid sequence consists of amino acid residues 1-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228;
- (b) a protein whose amino acid sequence consists of amino acid residues 134-285 of SEQ ID NO:3228; and
- (c) a trimer of the protein of (b).

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In the Title:

Delete "ANTIBODIES THAT IMMUNOSPECIICALLY BIND TO BLYS"
and replace with --ANTIBODIES THAT IMMUNOSPECIFICALLY BIND TO B
LYMPHOCYTE STIMULATOR PROTEIN--.

Title Page:

At INID (56) -- Other Publications, delete "Kennell, D.E., Prog. Nucl. Acid Res.
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In the Specification:

Replace Table 1, spanning pages 213-304 with the attached Table 1.

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Table 1: scFvs that Immunoselectively Bind to B Lymphocyte Stimulator

Clone ID	seq#SEQ ID NO	AAs of VL CDR1	AAs of VL CDR2	AAs of VL CDR3	AAs of VH CDR1	AAs of VH CDR2	AAs of VH CDR3	seq#SEQ ID NO	AAs of VL CDR1	AAs of VL CDR2	AAs of VL CDR3	AAs of VH CDR1	AAs of VH CDR2	AAs of VH CDR3	seq#SEQ ID NO
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03050208	2	141-249	189-195	228-228	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	100-113	189-195	228-228	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112
03060411	3	144-254	189-195	254-243	1-128	26-37	52-69	102-117	145-254	189-195	254-243	1-128	26-37	52-69	102-117
03070110	4	148-255	189-195	254-244	1-132	26-35	50-66	99-121	148-255	189-195	254-244	1-132	26-35	50-66	99-121
03070201	5	142-249	189-195	228-238	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	142-249	189-195	228-238	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115
03070302	6	138-251	189-195	228-240	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	138-251	189-195	228-240	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110
03090412	7	142-250	189-196	228-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	142-250	189-196	228-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113
03070204	8	146-256	188-181	197-203	234-245	1-129	26-35	50-66	146-256	188-181	197-203	234-245	1-129	26-35	50-66
03080311	9	143-251	189-199	232-240	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-118	143-251	189-199	232-240	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-118
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1113H07	792	141-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SR0LLPFPHHSFDL (SEQ ID NO: 2147)
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1114E11	802	141-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SR0LLPFPHHSFDL (SEQ ID NO: 2383)
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1114H06	804	141-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SR0LLPFPHHSFDL (SEQ ID NO: 2404)
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1115A02	806	141-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SR0LLPFPHHSFDL (SEQ ID NO: 2686)
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1116E09	831	141-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SR0LLPFPHHSFDL (SEQ ID NO: 2147)
1116F11	832	141-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SR0LLPFPHHSFDL (SEQ ID NO: 2150)
1116G05	833	141-249	163-173	189-195	228-238	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-112	SR0LLPFPHHSFDL (SEQ ID NO: 2669)

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1005E03	920	142-248	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-65	99-114	SHYDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2874)
1005F01	921	141-248	164-174	198-196	230-238	1-124	26-35	50-65	99-113	EQVDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2876)
1005F02	922	144-251	167-177	192-199	232-240	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	GYVDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2869)
1005F04	923	137-247	169-172	188-184	227-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	TYVDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2866)
1005F08	924	140-247	164-171	187-198	231-240	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	SHYDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2850)
1005G01	925	141-251	165-175	191-197	230-238	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-114	GYVDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2859)
1005G08	926	142-249	166-173	191-197	230-238	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	GYVDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2860)
1005G09	927	140-247	164-171	187-198	231-240	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	GYVDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2857)
1005E01	928	142-249	166-173	188-192	232-235	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-112	SDYDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2813)
1005E09	929	141-251	165-177	193-199	231-242	1-127	26-35	50-66	99-116	GYSSGWLKGPYNWDF (SEQ ID NO: 2867)
1005E01	930	141-251	165-176	193-199	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	GYVDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2862)
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1005E07	932	140-250	162-175	191-197	230-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-116	GYVDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2862)
1005E01	933	140-250	162-175	191-197	230-239	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-116	GYVDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2862)
1005E02	934	142-253	164-176	192-198	231-242	1-126	26-35	50-68	101-113	MYVDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2879)
1005E07	935	143-253	165-179	195-201	231-242	1-127	26-35	50-66	99-115	VSVDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2817)
1005G01	936	146-253	169-179	195-201	234-242	1-130	26-35	50-68	99-116	GYSSGWLKGPYNWDF (SEQ ID NO: 2867)
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1007G09	957	142-252	165-178	193-198	232-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	QYVDLGLTGYTGMV (SEQ ID NO: 2862)
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1014G64	1060	141-251	165-176	192-198	331-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDLTGVSDGFH (SEQ ID NO: 2174)
1014G71	1061	141-251	165-176	192-198	331-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDLTGVSDGFH (SEQ ID NO: 2175)
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1014A02	1074	141-251	165-176	192-198	331-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDLTGVSDGFH (SEQ ID NO: 2188)
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1065D14	1644	140-250	162-175	191-197	230-239	1-124	26-35	59-66	99-114	ENQVYVAYOGSDH (SEQ ID NO: 3035)
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1065D16	1646	145-252	165-176	192-198	231-241	1-129	26-35	59-66	99-118	RYDHALTOFAGHGY (SEQ ID NO: 3048)
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1065F08	1676	143-250	163-173	139-190	228-238	1-127	26-35	50-66	99-114	ETBRKTSRSPYNTYGMGV (SEQ ID NO: 2793)
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1065F09	1678	143-249	163-173	139-190	228-238	1-117	26-30	45-61	94-106	QADQTHYGMGV (SEQ ID NO: 2166)
1065F02	1679	144-246	164-174	140-194	231-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDLTQVTFSDGFH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
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1065F05	1683	137-247	159-171	137-193	226-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	AGSSLMATYGVY (SEQ ID NO: 2173)
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1065F06	1688	134-244	163-173	138-194	227-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-114	ETYDLTQVTFSDGFH (SEQ ID NO: 3041)
1065F05	1689	137-247	159-172	138-194	227-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-114	ETYDLTQVTFSDGFH (SEQ ID NO: 3041)
1065F04	1690	142-252	164-174	140-194	231-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	FLGTYAVRGAQSDFL (SEQ ID NO: 2952)
1065F03	1691	134-246	162-172	138-194	227-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	DYGRHWPDP (SEQ ID NO: 2862)
1065F02	1692	137-247	159-172	138-194	227-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	DYGRHWPDP (SEQ ID NO: 2862)
1065F01	1693	146-256	168-178	142-202	234-244	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-115	FLGTYAVRGAQSDFL (SEQ ID NO: 2952)
1065F08	1694	137-244	163-173	138-194	227-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-114	ETYDLTQVTFSDGFH (SEQ ID NO: 3041)
1065F07	1695	137-247	159-172	138-194	227-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-114	ETYDLTQVTFSDGFH (SEQ ID NO: 3041)
1065F06	1696	137-247	159-172	138-194	227-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-114	ETYDLTQVTFSDGFH (SEQ ID NO: 3041)
1065F05	1697	142-253	164-176	140-194	232-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-110	DYGRHWPDP (SEQ ID NO: 2862)
1065F04	1698	144-254	166-179	142-202	234-244	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-110	DYGRHWPDP (SEQ ID NO: 2862)
1065F03	1699	144-248	164-174	140-194	232-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-110	DYGRHWPDP (SEQ ID NO: 2862)
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1065F01	1701	144-248	164-174	140-194	232-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-110	DYGRHWPDP (SEQ ID NO: 2862)
1065F08	1702	139-246	165-179	139-195	229-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-117	DYRNYDLTGHPYTYGMGV (SEQ ID NO: 3023)
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10696826	1731	143-252	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	59-114	DOTYDLTGTVGGYDV (SEQ ID NO: 3059)
10696827	1732	143-252	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	59-114	DOTYDLTGTVGGYDV (SEQ ID NO: 3060)
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10696852	1757	135-245	157-169	189-195	228-238	1-124	26-35	50-66	59-113	QMGDHTGVMADV (SEQ ID NO: 3085)

1072B01	1758	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDLTGVSDEGH (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
1072B04	1759	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	EGSYDLTGTVGGVGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 2171)
1072B05	1760	141-251	168-175	192-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDLTGTVGGVGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
1072B06	1761	135-242	156-165	182-188	221-231	1-119	26-35	50-66	99-108	GMGDIHYGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 2161)
1072B07	1762	135-242	156-165	182-188	221-231	1-119	26-35	50-66	99-108	GMGDIHYGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 2161)
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1072B07	1769	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDLTGTVGGVGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
1072B08	1770	137-247	159-171	187-193	226-236	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	ATYDLTGTVGGVGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
1072A02	1771	141-248	164-174	190-196	229-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-110	GMGDIHYGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 3079)
1072A04	1772	140-252	164-177	193-199	232-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	GMGDIHYGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 3098)
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1072A06	1775	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDLTGTVGGVGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
1072A10	1776	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDLTGTVGGVGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
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1072B05	1779	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	BLAVYDLTGTVLDDAEH (SEQ ID NO: 2999)
1072B06	1780	144-254	166-179	195-201	234-243	1-128	26-35	50-66	99-117	TRADVLKTYDSEH (SEQ ID NO: 2199)
1072B06	1781	139-246	160-170	186-192	223-233	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDLTGTVGGVGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
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1072B08	1783	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDLTGTVGGVGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
1072B11	1784	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDLTGTVGGVGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
1072C01	1785	144-253	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDLTGTVGGVGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
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1072C04	1787	140-252	164-177	193-199	232-241	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	ATYDLTGTVGGVGMADY (SEQ ID NO: 2153)
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1073C11	1791	146-252	164-177	193-199	232-241	1-126	26-35	50-66	99-115	BRADVLKTYDSEH (SEQ ID NO: 3024)
1073C12	1792	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-114	BRADVLKTYDSEH (SEQ ID NO: 3024)
1073C13	1793	141-251	163-176	192-198	231-240	1-123	26-35	50-66	99-114	BRADVLKTYDSEH (SEQ ID NO: 3024)
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1073C17	1797	140-250	162-172	188-194	227-237	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-117	EVNVDLITGVSDEGH (SEQ ID NO: 2751)
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074821	1852	147-257	164-176	192-198	231-241	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	SEYDILTOYHGMVY (SEQ ID NO: 2853)
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074824	1855	144-246	164-174	194-200	233-245	1-127	26-35	50-66	99-116	OSGYDILTOYHGMVY (SEQ ID NO: 3057)
074825	1856	145-249	164-174	190-196	239-238	1-124	26-35	50-66	99-113	DOHILTYLFTYFQH (SEQ ID NO: 3069)
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074842	1873	141-251	163-176	195-198	231-240	1-125	26-35	50-66	99-114	MEYDILTOYHGMVY (SEQ ID NO: 2179)
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074851	1882	132-239	155-165	181-187	220-223	1-121	26-35	50-66	99-110	DESYDILTOYHGMVY (SEQ ID NO: 2194)
074852	1883	136-243	149-169	185-191	234-232	1-120	26-35	50-66	99-109	DESYDILTOYHGMVY (SEQ ID NO: 2191)

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08181004	2011	134-244	155-169	185-191	228-233	1-119	26-35	50-66	DTTXY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)
08181005	2011	133-240	154-168	180-186	219-229	1-117	26-35	50-66	DTTXY (SEQ ID NO: 3129)
08181006	2014	136-243	157-167	183-189	222-232	1-120	26-35	50-66	DTTXY (SEQ ID NO: 3129)
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1082A11	7652	130-240	132-165	131-187	1-114	50-66	99-103	FULDY (SEQ ID NO: 2210)	99-103
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1082B89	2654	131-241	137-167	133-189	1-118	50-66	99-107	BOVAAAGDY (SEQ ID NO: 3132)	99-107
1082B12	2655	131-243	135-166	131-188	1-115	50-66	99-104	DILDEY (SEQ ID NO: 2208)	99-104
1082C25	2656	131-243	137-167	133-189	1-120	50-66	99-104	VINDYVMDY (SEQ ID NO: 3143)	99-104
1082C26	2657	131-243	137-167	133-189	1-120	50-66	99-109	BERGRRVED (SEQ ID NO: 3093)	99-109
1082C38	2658	137-244	138-169	134-193	1-121	50-66	99-110	LRNBNUNRLDY (SEQ ID NO: 3106)	99-110
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1082E05	2661	130-240	152-165	131-187	1-124	50-66	99-103	FOLDY (SEQ ID NO: 3167)	99-103
1082E17	2662	130-240	162-172	138-194	1-123	50-66	99-112	VEVEDIVVGSAT (SEQ ID NO: 3128)	99-112
1082F11	2663	136-245	159-169	135-191	1-120	50-66	99-109	GEEMTYTDDY (SEQ ID NO: 3177)	99-109
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1082H04	2667	132-238	153-163	179-183	1-116	50-66	98-105	NNADAAE (SEQ ID NO: 3223)	98-105
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1083A06	2669	137-244	159-169	135-191	1-120	50-66	101-110	LHCTGSCUF (SEQ ID NO: 3169)	101-110
1083A11	2670	138-248	160-172	138-194	1-121	50-66	99-108	VEVAAAGDY (SEQ ID NO: 3175)	99-108
1083B01	2671	136-248	158-171	137-193	1-119	50-66	99-110	VYVAAAGDY (SEQ ID NO: 3148)	99-110
1083B03	2672	139-247	161-171	137-193	1-122	50-66	99-111	VYVYVTRGMDL (SEQ ID NO: 3172)	99-111
1083B06	2673	139-250	161-174	130-198	1-122	50-66	99-111	DELAAGDAFH (SEQ ID NO: 3146)	99-111
1083D10	2674	139-250	162-172	138-194	1-121	50-66	99-110	DLRNGTALHS (SEQ ID NO: 3197)	99-110
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1083C02	2676	135-246	154-171	137-193	1-119	50-66	99-108	VEVAAAGDY (SEQ ID NO: 3175)	99-108
1083C12	2677	137-249	159-171	139-194	1-120	50-66	99-109	VEVAAAGDY (SEQ ID NO: 3175)	99-109
1083C14	2678	136-246	158-171	138-194	1-120	50-66	99-108	VEVAAAGDY (SEQ ID NO: 3175)	99-108
1083D04	2680	146-251	168-181	138-194	1-120	50-66	99-108	VEVAAAGDY (SEQ ID NO: 3175)	99-108
1083D08	2681	139-252	163-188	137-193	1-120	50-66	99-113	DILDEY (SEQ ID NO: 3167)	99-113
1083D08	2682	143-254	163-188	137-193	1-123	50-66	99-113	DILDEY (SEQ ID NO: 3167)	99-113
1083D10	2683	143-254	163-188	137-193	1-123	50-66	99-113	DILDEY (SEQ ID NO: 3167)	99-113
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1083E04	2686	139-249	156-166	138-188	1-121	50-66	99-108	VEVAAAGDY (SEQ ID NO: 3175)	99-108
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1003F11	2004	137-248	159-172	188-194	227-237	1-120	26-35	59-66	99-109	ELVAGG07DP (SEQ ID NO: 3191)
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1003G02	2006	139-249	161-172	189-195	228-238	1-121	26-35	59-66	101-110	SVAGRGNDY (SEQ ID NO: 3208)
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1004A03	2105	130-240	156-166	182-188	221-231	1-119	26-35	59-66	99-103	ESLIGDADL (SEQ ID NO: 3116)
1004B08	2105	135-242	157-167	183-189	222-232	1-120	26-35	59-66	99-109	ESLIGDADL (SEQ ID NO: 3120)
1004C02	2107	136-243	159-169	186-192	223-233	1-114	26-35	59-66	99-103	EVGGALR (SEQ ID NO: 3157)
1004D03	2108	130-240	155-164	180-186	219-229	1-114	26-35	59-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)
1004D05	2109	133-243	155-163	179-185	218-226	1-114	26-35	59-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)
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1004E10	2112	130-237	153-161	180-186	219-229	1-114	26-35	59-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)
1004E12	2113	130-237	153-163	179-185	218-226	1-114	26-35	59-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)
1004F04	2114	130-237	153-163	179-185	218-226	1-114	26-35	59-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)
1004F07	2115	130-237	153-163	179-185	218-226	1-114	26-35	59-66	99-103	DTDY (SEQ ID NO: 2203)
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1004F12	2117	130-240	156-164	180-186	219-229	1-114	26-35	59-66	99-108	ESLIGDADL (SEQ ID NO: 3116)
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1100B13	2127	137-247	159-172	188-194	227-236	1-120	26-35	59-66	99-109	DRGCTGCHDY (SEQ ID NO: 3195)
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